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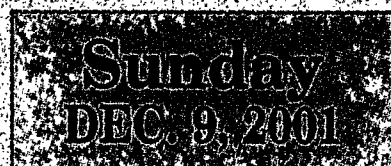
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A Christmas Parade will be held in Pearlington on December 15 at 4 p.m. The parade will feature the Hancock High School Marching Band, Elvis and Santa Claus. After the parade the crowd will gather at the West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department for visits with Santa, performances by local choirs and a bon fire. The parade will roll from Oak Harbor and Hwy. 90, travel west to Hwy. 604 and down 604 to the edge of town.

Coast Chorale to perform tonight

The Coast Chorale Christmas program will be today at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. Open to all.

See the Saints vs. the Rams

The Hancock County Kiwanis Club will sponsor a trip to catch the Saints play Dec. 17. \$60 per person, all inclusive. Bus leaves at 5 p.m. from HMC. Call Bernard for tickets at 467-8719.

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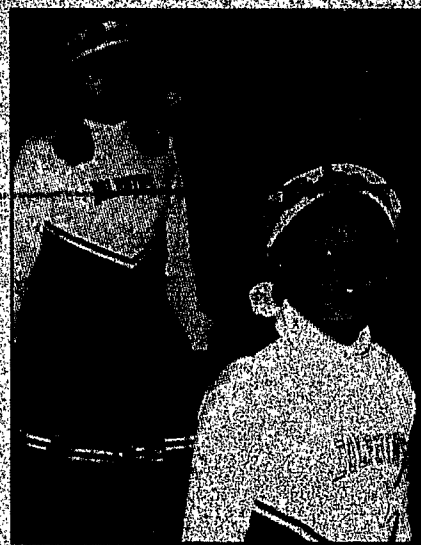
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Christmas in the Pass



Santa's been getting around lately. On Friday, he dropped by Pass Christian to help the town celebrate its annual "Christmas in the Pass." Hundreds turned out for the event, which included carolers and parades on both land and sea.



Hotel Reed named in wrongful death suit

Former resident's heirs claim neglect, negligence, fraud

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
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The Hotel Reed Nursing Center — along with owner Harold T. Cain, Administrator Wanda F. Hunt and ten unidentified employees — has been named as the target in a wrongful death suit filed in Hancock Circuit Court last week.

The suit, filed by the family of Joseph Steven Busha, specifically, Tiffany Busha, brings charges of wrongful death, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, medical malpractice, malice and/or gross negligence which evidence a "willful, wanton or reckless disregard for Busha, a resident at the facility," and fraud.

Busha, the suit states, was injured in a four-wheeler accident on May 1, 2000 which left him unable to handle his affairs due to cognitive damage and injuries. He entered the facility on June 2, 2000 at age 31, the suit states, and lived

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Hancock man gets 10 years for robbery

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Hancock County man was convicted last week for robbing and beating another man he met in a bar.

Circuit Judge Robert Walker sentenced Eric Duane Davis to 10 years in the Mississippi State Correctional Facility at Parchman.

The conviction stems from an incident "on or about Feb. 11, 2001," according to court documents, in which Davis "did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously take" items including a 1994 Ford Explorer, a diamond ring and \$200 cash from Bay St. Louis real estate broker Ed Vera.

At the time, Vera told police that he and Davis had struck up a quick friendship at a bar that night, and Vera had invited the man back to his home. There, he said, Davis beat him up, tied him down and robbed

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Seafood operations still causing stink at Lakeshore

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

More than a year and a half after initial complaints, a seafood operation is still causing a stink in the Lakeshore area. At Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner asked fellow supervisors to send a letter asking the state Health Department to force Carmel's Seafood, located at 5268 Lakeshore Road, to abide by orders laid down Nov. 15, 2000 or to fine them or threaten to shut them down. The Echo later obtained a letter written to the owners of the business last Nov. 8. In that letter, Tony Usey, an environmentalists who works out of the Hancock County Health Department office, told owners: "During recent checks on the dumpster, I have noticed several violations of the conditions set forth in the letter dated Nov. 15, 2001." Usey pointed out: "The tarp was not covering the dumpster

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Seafood -- Lakeshore odor

completely, therefore allowing the odor into the atmosphere, also the deposited crab residue was not covered with lime."

Usey said the dumpster was not being changed out within the time frame agreed upon.

He warned: "You must take immediate action to correct all of the above or harsh and swift action will follow."

Efforts by the Echo to talk with Usey were unsuccessful, but State Health Director Dr. Frank Travenecik promised he

would get with Usey Monday to check on the situation.

"Unfortunately, we have one inspector for the whole county. It's hard to keep up with all the complaints, and then follow through."

Travenecik said the process of forcing alleged violators to comply with health regulations most of the time involves filing some kind of court charges.

"It varies from county to county," said Travenecik. "But, I promise, we'll get on this early

Monday.

Lakeshore residents, led by Mary Caillier, who lives almost right next door to the wholesale and retail seafood operation, actually lodged initial complaints before the Board of Supervisors in July of 2000.

That was in the heat of the summer, and Caillier said the stench from the seafood in the outside dumpster forced them indoors and she and neighbors were experiencing several health problems.

Caillier on Friday said, "Just last night, the odor was unbearable."

The health department has ordered owners Chi Nguyen and son, Tim, to keep the dumpster covered at all times, treat residue deposited there with lime and change out the dumpster or clean it out every three days.

"I'm not well. I'm depressed, and I wonder if we are ever going to get any relief," said Caillier.

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Bay council tables hotel zoning dispute

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The saga of the Hotel Reed continued at Tuesday's Bay St. Louis City Council meeting, with another standing-room-only turn out of neighbors and residents. The owner of the Hotel Reed had petitioned the Bay Planning and Zoning Commission to request a zoning change from R-1 to C-1 in order to tear down the existing building and build a commercial hotel. The commission made the recommendation last week to deny the request.

Councilman Doug Seal surprised everyone by making a motion to table the recommendation by Planning and Zoning to deny owners a C-1 zoning change, and to put off voting on the issue until after the first of the year.

Councilman-at-Large Bill Taylor told an audience of dismayed residents that the council needed no public comment on the motion to table the issue, but the large crowd would not take no for an answer.

"Many of us have left our homes tonight to make ourselves heard and see council settle this issue," one resident said. Taylor relented, allowing the members of the crowd to express their views.

"I pay taxes here and see no reason to tear down a historic site," said Sandi Smith. "The residents in the home, and they are residents, a lot of them have paid all their assets to live there. I have seen you guys through the years put off a decision when you can use it to your

advantage. Why do most of the residents know nothing about this and why can't they be contacted or say anything about it ... I find that peculiar."

"Ma'am, I can just speak for myself," said Taylor. "The owners asked for time to do more research and I can't tell Mr. Cain how to run his business."

Taylor said he was not in favor of a zoning change in the neighborhood.

"But why was it (the issue) tabled with no discussion," said Smith. "We all turned out here ... Why was it delayed?"

"Could you please clear up the confusion as to why something on the agenda tonight will not be voted on until January," said Yancy Poque. "Will all the residents get a chance to voice our objections? We all have historic homes. All of us will be affected by this zoning. I don't want to have a BP station next door."

"We were asked not to vote on the motion until the first meeting in January," said Seal. "The city is looking for a way to bring in tax dollars ... maybe I'm wrong for looking outside the box ... maybe I'm young and foolish, but let's see what's best for

Reed

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there until August 22, 2000.

The suit charges that Busha was not given adequate care and that the home was not properly staffed to provide such care, though administrators were well aware of Busha's needs when he entered the facility. The suit further charges that Busha suffered "catastrophic injuries, disfigurement, extreme pain, suffering, mental anguish and death while under the care of the

facility, not limited to various infections, dehydration, malnutrition, unexplained injuries, and pneumonia."

The family seeks the maximum compensatory damages and punitive damages and legal costs.

Hotel Reed owner Harold Cain was not available to comment on the Busha family's claims yesterday.

A lawsuit presents only one side in a legal dispute.

Robbery

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him.

Davis had already been convicted for felony burglary and aggravated assault in Cobb County, Ga. on June 5, 1986. He had been sentenced to 15 years in prison for that crime,

but had received early release.

Davis' sentence in the Hancock County case must be served "day-for-day," which means he will not be eligible for parole.

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"I am very dismayed by the motion," said Franya Ethridge. "I have lived here for years and if the developer does not get what he wants the matter is tabled and comes back in another form and suddenly everybody is for it. You are not looking after the citizens and now you are going to trash the neighborhood. The beachfront is what sets this community apart from any community in the nation."

Another resident suggested the building be used for a museum to showcase Southern art and music.

Outside residents continued their comments.

"We don't need another bar," said Carter Church. "This is a wonderful place and I'm all for preservation."

"I'm totally against changing the zoning to commercial," said Susie Seal. "Once the ambience is gone, it's gone."



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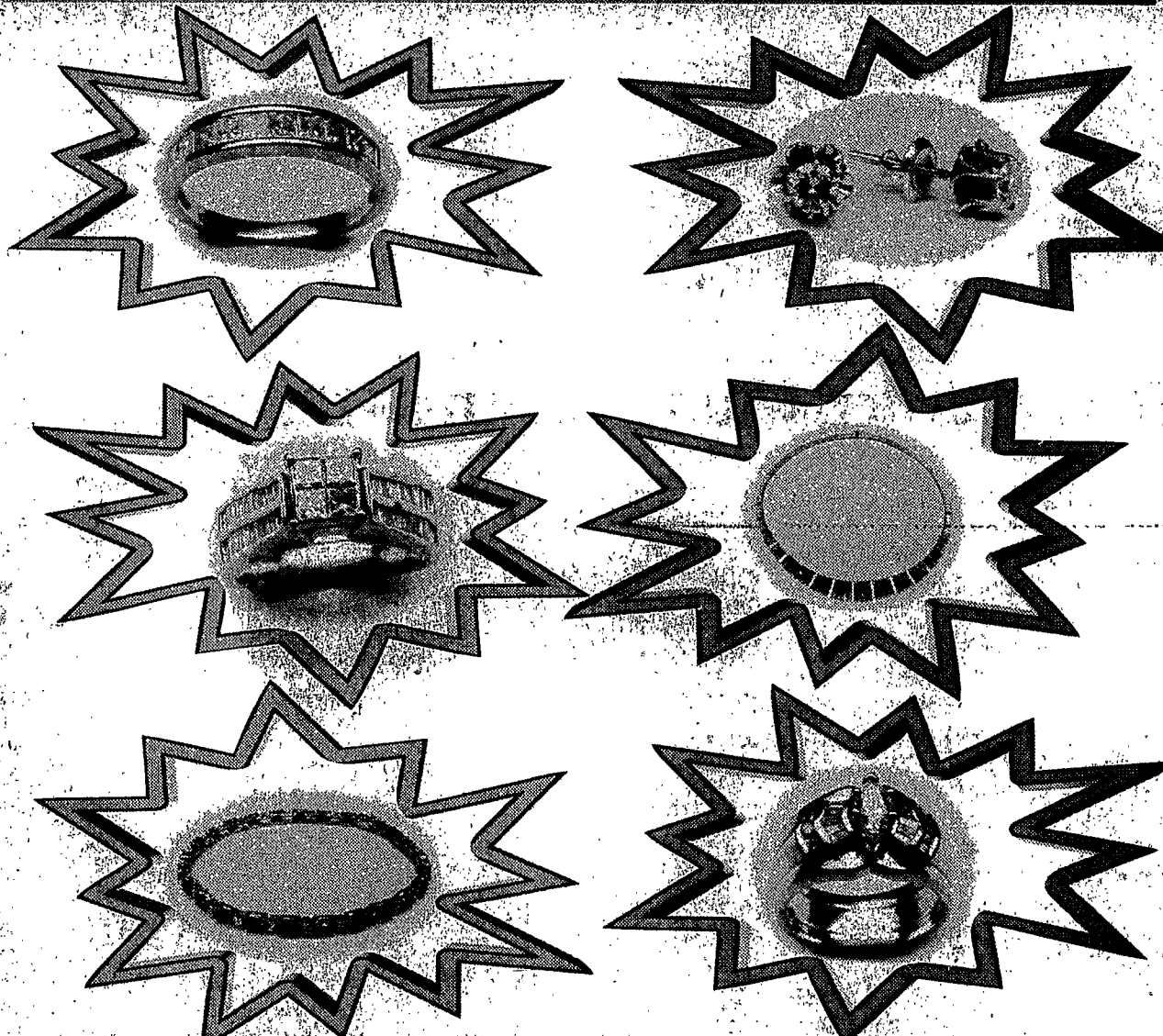
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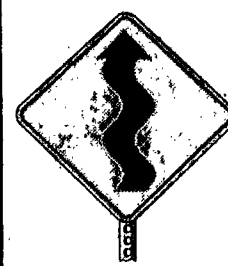
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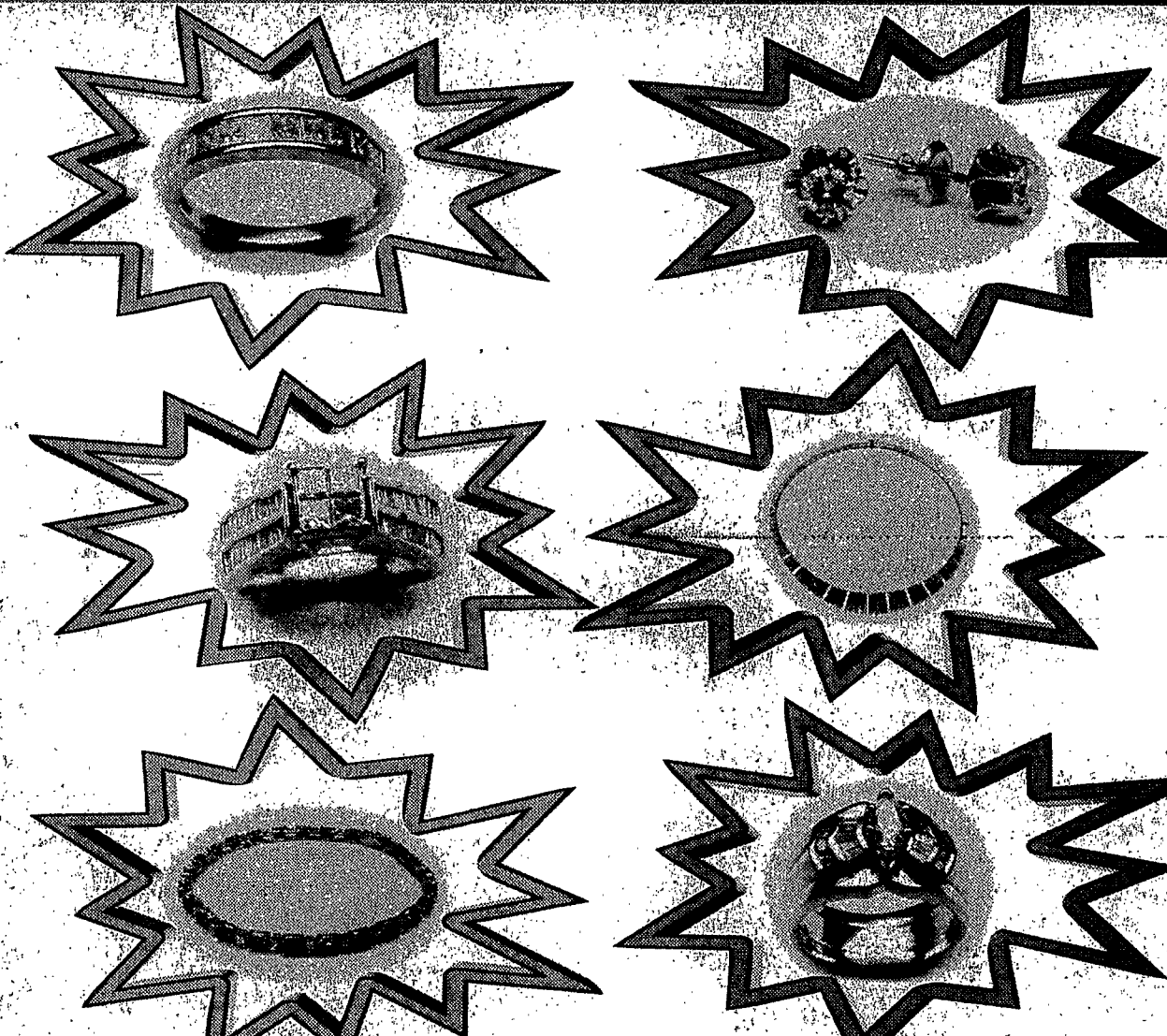
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Holiday Tree Gala winners announced

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More than 800 people attended the Hancock County Library's 2001 Holiday Tree Gala, held Sunday at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Trees decorated by more than 70 businesses, organizations and schools were on display for the public, and will remain in the library until Thursday, January 3.

The Best in Show ribbon went to Blue Heron Frames, while the Most Creative Tree award was presented to Bay Crafts.

The Designer Award was captured by Hancock County Master Gardeners. The three-foot entry was a camellia plant adorned with seed packets saying "Hoe" "Hoe" "Hoe."

The first place Best New Entrant ribbon was awarded to the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, with the second place ribbon going to the Turquoise Turtle.

The People's Choice award was won by the Bay-Waveland Home School. This award is presented to the tree who receives the most votes from those attending the event and casting their ballots for the tree they like the most.

"The Road to Jerusalem" features ornaments that wrap around the tree as a road leading to the Inn with "No Vacancy."

The tree placed by Bay-Waveland Home School was named the first place in the Outstanding Youth Tree category. Second place went to Hope Haven.

Ellen Kane Gifts was the first place winner in the outstanding six foot (traditional) category, with Patients Choice placing second.

The Hancock County Chamber received the first place ribbon in the outstanding six foot (non-traditional) category, with the Hancock County Tourism Bureau the second place winner.

In the outstanding three foot (traditional) category, Bookends Bookstore was the first place winner, with the Hancock Women's Club placing second.

Ornaments made with dog biscuits highlighted the tree entered by the Friends of the Animal Shelter, who placed first in the outstanding three foot (non-traditional) category. The Bay-Waveland Garden Club received the second place ribbon in the outstanding three foot (non-traditional) category.

The City of Waveland placed first in the Government/Community Agency, with the City of Bay St. Louis coming in second.

A new category this year was the Outstanding Business, with first place won by Coast & County Real Estate, and Southern Exposure placing second.

The Diamondhead Lions Club won first place in the Best Use of Logo category, with second place going to Ashman-Mollere Realty.

In the Outstanding Early Education category, Bay Catholic Elementary's EEC-2nd Grade tree won first place, and the Hancock Library's Story



Santa Claus made a visit to the Library Tree Gala last week.



Merrybelle the Clown also stopped by to entertain the kids.

Hour tree capturing the second place ribbon.

Bay Catholic Elementary's Outstanding Jr. High/High 3rd to 6th Grade tree won the top honors in the Outstanding Elementary/Middle School category, and St. Clare Catholic School placed second.

B-W Garden Club Christmas Show winners

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club held its annual standard flower show Dec. 1 and 2 at the Hancock County Library in Bay St. Louis.

The show, titled "Gifts of the Magi," exhibited designs and horticultural specimens celebrating the holiday season, during the opening of the library's Christmas Tree Gala.

Blue ribbon winners in the horticulture division were Martha Bennett, Crystal Burrows, Ruth Carlson, Dot Copeland, Kathleen Fernandez, Marilyn Hingle, Alice Holmes, Kathleen Hughes, Cookie Kueck, Dianne Miller, Don Miller, Lyn Nybo, Lili Stahler, Kim Uram, Cindy Villars, Sandra Watson, Kay Williams and Virginia Worrell.

A Schlumbergia bridesii (Christmas cactus) exhibited by Kim Uram won the Best-in-Show for horticulture.

In the Design Division, the blue ribbon winner in class 1, titled "Gold," was Sandra Watson. Marty DeBolt won the blue ribbon in class 2,



Frankincense. Brierley Acker won the blue in class 3, "Myrrh." Alice Holmes won in class 4, "Home for the Holidays," and Kathleen Fernandez won in class 5, "Rejoice." The Best-in-Show was won by Sandra Watson's design in class 1. Alice Holmes won the

Sweepstakes Award for earning the most blue ribbons in the show.

Kathleen Fernandez, president of the club, expressed her pleasure in the excellent work of the members, the large number of horticulture specimens and congratulated Lyn Nybo of Bay St. Louis on her exciting

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CORRECTION

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Councilman Doug Seal surprised everyone by making a motion to table the recommendation by Planning and Zoning to deny owners a C-1 zoning change, and to put off voting on the issue until after the first of the year.

Councilman-at-Large Bill Taylor told an audience of dismayed residents that the council needed no public comment on the motion to table the issue, but the large crowd would not take no for an answer.

"Many of us have left our homes tonight to make ourselves heard and see council settle this issue," one resident said. Taylor relented, allowing the members of the crowd to express their views.

"I pay taxes here and see no reason to tear down a historic site," said Sandi Smith. "The residents in the home, and they are residents, a lot of them have paid all their assets to live there. I have seen you guys through the years put off a decision when you can use it to your

advantage. Why do most of the residents know nothing about this and why can't they be contacted or say anything about it ... I find that peculiar."

"Ma'am, I can just speak for myself," said Taylor. "The owners asked for time to do more research and I can't tell Mr. Cain how to run his business."

Taylor said he was not in favor of a zoning change in the neighborhood.

"But why was it (the issue) tabled with no discussion," said Smith. "We all turned out here ... Why was it delayed?"

"Could you please clear up the confusion as to why something on the agenda tonight will not be voted on until January," said Yancy Poque. "Will all the residents get a chance to voice our objections? We all have historic homes. All of us will be affected by this zoning. I don't want to have a BP station next door."

"We were asked not to vote on the motion until the first meeting in January," said Seal. "The city is looking for a way to bring in tax dollars ... maybe I'm wrong for looking outside the box ... maybe I'm young and foolish, but let's see what's best for

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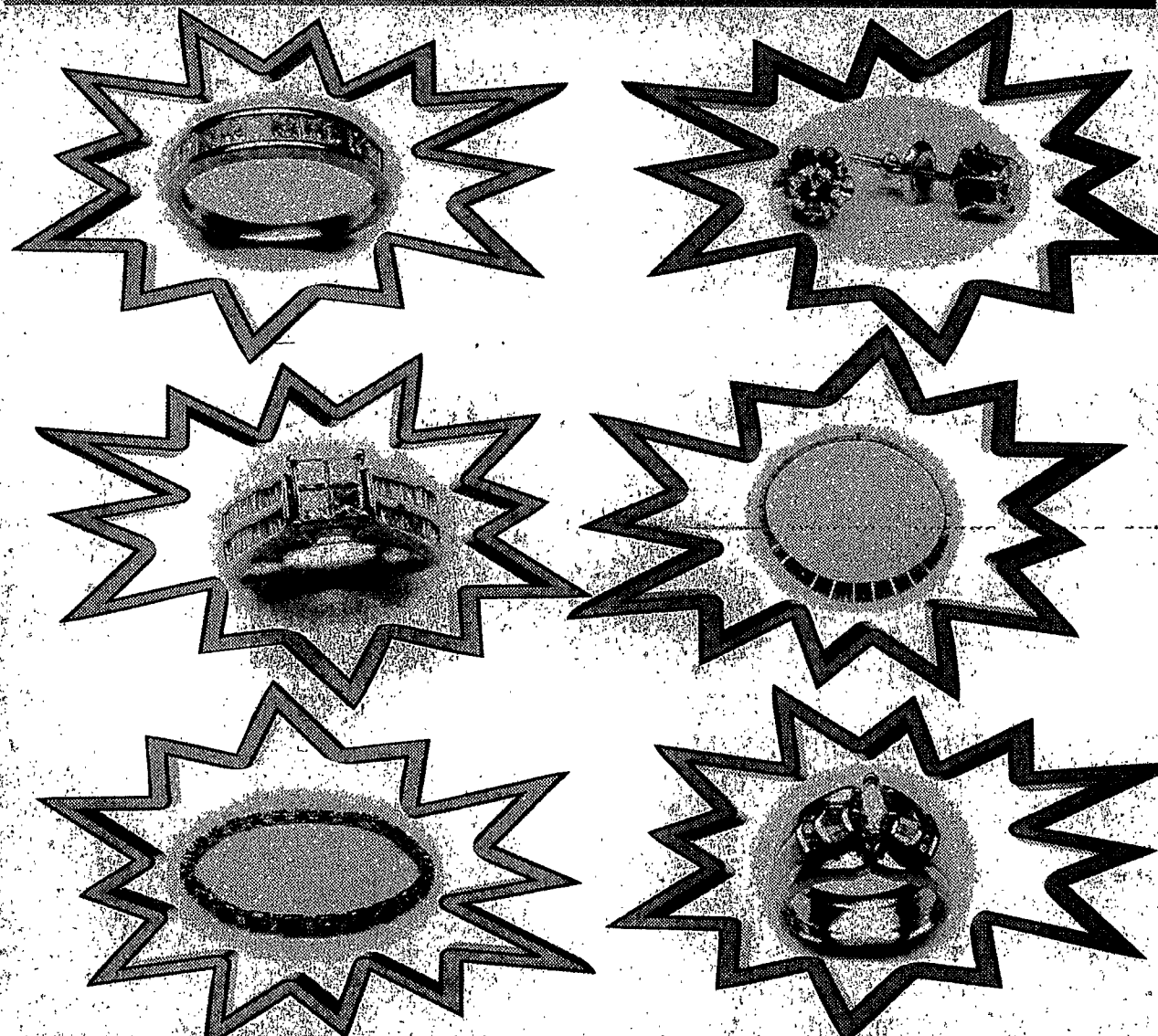
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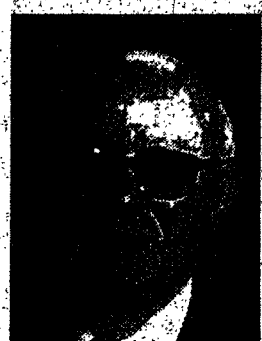
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Have you ever noticed how good the youngsters are at this time of year? I am sure many parents wished it would be Christmas season all year long. I am sure Santa has been very busy in preparing for his deliveries on Christmas Eve and probably still deciding on whether a few boys and girls will be deserving to receive gifts. It is hoped all youngsters will receive their Christmas wishes when they awaken on Christmas morning. I would suggest that they continue to be on good behavior, because Santa is still checking on them.

This month's Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be sponsored by Lightning Quick Signs at their new locations, 206 and 208 Highway 90, Waveland. The After Hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. following a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

There will be some good refreshments and snacks. I am told and a several door prizes. You are reminded to bring along a couple of business cards. This is a good time of the year to meet and greet old friends and make new ones. I hope to see you at the After Hours on Thursday evening.

I received information on Thursday that the deadline for the collection of telephone directories has been extended because of some new ones being delivered late in Hancock County. The old directories are brought to schools by students and delivered to a trailer at the Civic Center each year. The trailer will remain until the morning of Tuesday, December 18. As some of you may know, John Fayard of Fast Way Systems donates his company's equipment to haul the old directories for recycling. Participating schools receive money on the number of directories collected by their students. Of course, the more telephone books collected by students means we have to pay less for landfill space.

I have noticed a nice selection of Christmas decorations and gifts at the Hancock Medical Center's Gift Shop operated by the hospital's volunteers. Of course they have a very nice selection of gifts for persons of all ages. The gift shop is located at the hospital's entrance.

Thus far we sure have had some good weather this end of the year.

A couple very light frosts and temperatures in the 60s and 70s in the day and 40s and 50s at night.

It is almost as if we special ordered the mild temperatures.

One thing the warmer weather has done is delayed the dropping of leaves from many trees.

I still have a few leaves left on my pecan trees, and they are usually all off by mid-November.

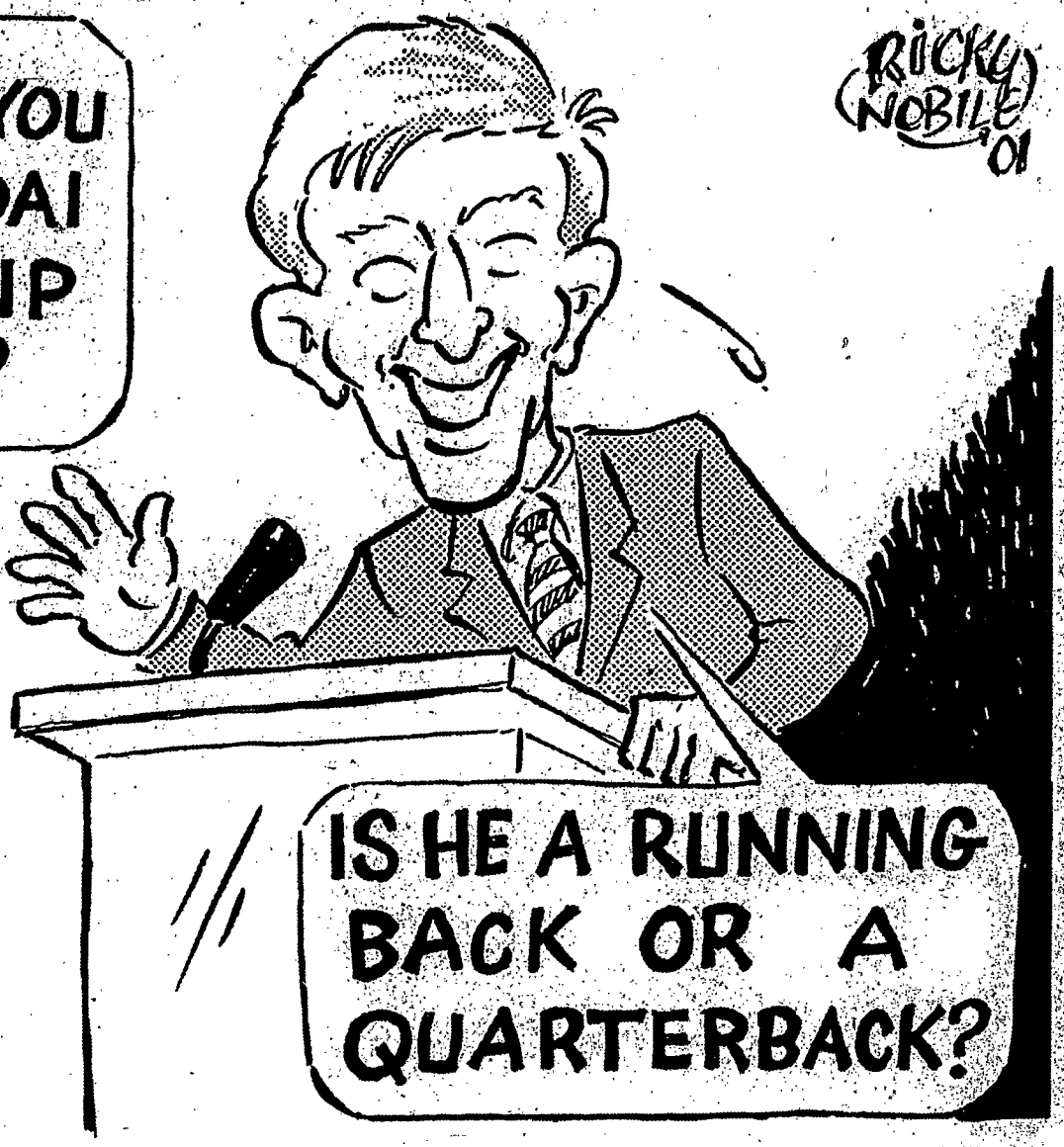
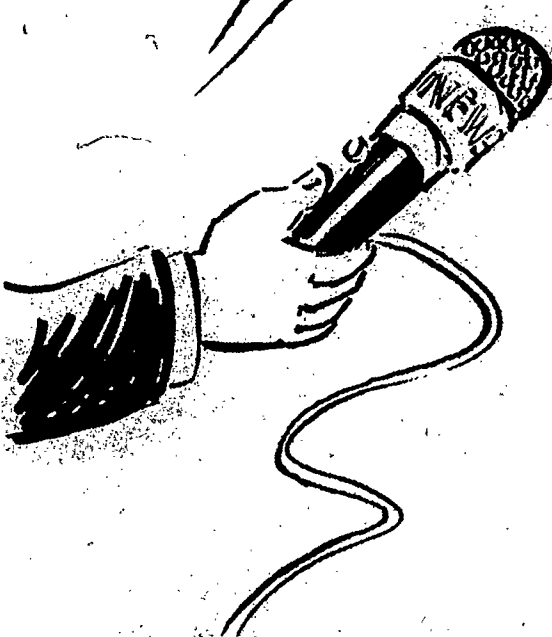
The 'popcorn tree' in our yard is still loaded with leaves, and we never got the bright colors this year as in the past.

While on the subject of pecans, it seems most folks got a good crop this year even with competition from the gray squirrels.

Even the acorn trees have had a good crop of nuts.

What will the winter season bring us in weather is anyone's guest.

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Letters to the Editor

In celebration of Paul La Violette's 100th column

To the Editor: My husband and I just moved to the lovely Bay-Waveland area from Santa Fe, N.M.

Our relocation was specifically motivated by the storytelling of a strangely "Zen" man, Mr. Paul La Violette (and of course his wife Stella, dog Jennie, cat Holly, and the pound cake recipe).

I'm taking a moment out of my day, before returning to my employment search (for a nonexistent position as entry-level therapist or 48-year-old waitress - whichever comes first) to congratulate Mr. La Violette on the "anniversary of his 100th (or 99th) column."

I was raised in Mississippi but have been living "other places" for the last 30 years. During the past summer my husband and I were visiting close friends in Gulfport, when while at the airport we spontaneously picked up a copy of Mr. La Violette's book, *View from the Front Porch*.

We like to read aloud to one another, so we began. We were both deeply moved by the degree of honesty, candor, objectivity, insight and "truth-telling" characterized by his journal-style stories.

We were inspired by the extent of his appreciation of and

"tuned-in-ness" to his community, culture, land, ocean and wildlife.

We discussed how rare it was to discover a person with the gift of living authentically in the moment, present and aware of what we frequently overlook and loose in the fleeting passage of time.

Both Paul's columns and books have inspired us to create our own version of aware-living.

To help myself along I recently bought a three-wheeler with a canopy for "Lizzie," my Chinese Crested to travel along in.

These days I'm puttering through town and meandering down Beach Drive in no big hurry, going no particular place.

I'm taking in the sea breeze, the crimson sunset, the faces and waves of passers-by.

I'm appreciative of the children playing in the sand and the dogs chasing birds along the water's edge.

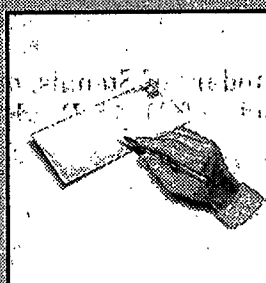
I am enchanted by the ever-changing moods of the ocean-bay. This truly is "a place apart."

I want to thank the Echo for offering the public the type of inspiration and reflection evoked in Paul La Violette's kind of "story telling."

Sincerely
Denise Hopeman

Our letters policy

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Don't uproot residents at Hotel Reed

Dear Editor of the Sea Coast Echo:

I am a senior at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis. I personally have had the privilege of passing Hotel Reed in the morning on my way to school for the past 16 years.

The decision to tear down a not only historical building, but also a home for approximately 98 residents, is definitely not in the best interest of the city of Bay St. Louis.

I understand the location of this building is in downtown Bay St. Louis where businesses are growing rapidly, but a commercial hotel is not what our city needs.

In my opinion, Hotel Reed is a historical landmark. Residents of Bay St. Louis should be focusing on what we have and preserving the history behind it - not tearing it down.

Having grown up in Bay St. Louis my whole life, I have enjoyed the quietness and peacefulness of our town, and Hotel Reed is a part of it.

In regard to a previous article in the Sunday paper about the zoning changes, one man stated that he had found the nursing facility to be disruptive to the neighborhood.

He stated that garbage trucks serving the facility and

ambulances coming to the facility are noisy, and that anything would be better than what they have there now.

When reading the article, I proposed the questions in my mind: Does a hotel not make any noise? Does a hotel not have trash to be disposed of? Are ambulances not allowed in residential areas in case they might be disruptive?

These questions are simply ridiculous; knowing that any facility placed there would make these noises, not just a nursing facility.

In another aspect, I visit the residents at Hotel Reed at least once a week. I feel that uplifting them from their normal environment to other places could potentially be a bad decision.

Some of the residents at Hotel Reed do not have any family or visitors.

Some are even unaware of their surroundings, but that is no excuse for uprooting them from their home.

The residents have a calm and restful view of the Bay of St. Louis and quietness to relax. It is places like these that make Bay St. Louis "A Place Apart" from the commercialism of today.

Emilie Scianna
Bay St. Louis

TECHNICALITIES

BY STATE AUDITOR PHIL BRYANT

Q May a municipal board authorize petty cash funds to be assigned to municipal employees to be expended for budgeted purposes?

A Yes. (§7-7-60 and Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, page III-B2)

Q May a municipal board designate an employee to have the authority to declare an emergency for purposes of purchasing without following bidding procedures?

A Yes. Section 31-7-13 (k) allows "emergency" (Section 31-7-1) purchases by a designee.

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Volunteer fireman response to comments on fire story

In the Dec. 6, 2001 issue I read an article about the structural fire on Koerner Rd. There was something in that article that turned my stomach. An anonymous witness was quoted as saying "It was pitiful, sometimes they were just blowing out mud."

This "anonymous witness" obviously has no experience as a firefighter. I was the Commanding Officer on the scene of this fire. I will admit that this was one of the toughest fires I've had to combat in my several years (13 to be exact) with the East Hancock Volunteer Fire Dept.

When we initially arrived on the scene, and got the first hose lines laid out and attempted to

make an attack, myself and another firefighter were nearly caught in a deadly situation. As we made our attack, we were overcome by heated smoke from the attic area of the home, and were almost caught in what is known as a flashover.

Luckily, we reverted back to our training and were able to stop this and retreat out of the building. I'm sure this witness has had no experience in the fire service to know how hard it is to battle a blaze with a limited supply of water.

The city of Bay St. Louis Fire Dept. was gracious enough to send us a truck to draft out of the bayou and supply us with

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BY CHRISTOPHER HANCOCK GARBER
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Hancock Board of Supervisors grants sheriff's Christmas wishes

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Christmas came early for Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

Garber and his chief assistant, Ron Cuevas, came before the Board of Supervisors Monday with a wish list of 10 items, most of which were granted.

The sheriff recommended letting a one-year contract to Valley Foods of Jackson to run the kitchen in the jail, purchase food for the prisoners and run the commissary shop.

He said Valley's bid to provide meals for inmates will cost \$1.35 per inmate compared to the \$1.70 it now costs the county to feed the prisoners.

Based on the bid, Cuevas estimated the department might save as much as \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year, depending on the jail population, which sometimes swells to 100.

The big saving will come in the purchase of food, Cuevas said. "They buy in quantity, and can buy food for a lot less than we're now buying it," he said.

Valley will provide a manager

on duty, supervising the menu, ordering the food and keeping the inventory, but inmates will still be used to assist in the preparation of the food, Garber said. The firm will also run the in-house commissary, which sells toothpaste, shaving cream and other items needed by prisoners, and will rebate a percentage of the total sales to the sheriff's department.

Valley foods is providing similar food services at the Madison County jail in Canton, and recently was outbid for the contract to provide food services to three penitentiaries run by the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Garber also received the go-ahead to begin gearing up for the county's plans to operate its own Narcotics Task Force.

He was allowed to transfer \$30,000 from his food services account to begin the organization, and supervisors are expected to allocate \$50,000 out of the general fund in the recessed meeting Dec. 19, which will provide a total \$80,000 for operation of the new unit.

Plans call for Matt Karl to

head the unit, assisted by two deputies and an office secretary. The special unit will continue to operate out of rented offices, separate from the jail.

Garber was also given permission to pursue plans to move a controversial vehicle repair shop in the rear of the jail to another location.

The shop, which is the subject of a law suit filed by neighbor Jeff Nancarrow, has been operating for years under the previous administration of Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, and then into Garber's first term.

Nancarrow has filed numerous complaints with the city of Bay St. Louis, the county and the state Department of Environmental Quality. He contends the structure was built without a permit or any site review, and its daily operations pumps dangerous fumes into his home and prevents him from enjoying his home.

Cuevas said the county might have found an alternate site at 951 Washington, where a mechanic shop was once located behind the owner's property. He said the owner, David Burch,

has agreed to rent the space to the county for \$1,000 a month, and also will leave some equipment the county can use.

Supervisors told Garber to go ahead with plans to have board attorney Gerald Gex draw up a lease, provided he checks with the city of Bay St. Louis to ensure current zoning allows the shop to operate in that area.

In other business, Garber received approval to hire Phillip Pavolini as a full-time investigator at \$26,000 a year. Pavolini, who was recently elected constable for the East Division, will not be allowed to use a sheriff's department vehicle or perform his constable duties while on duty as investigator, according to Gex. He must also resign his position with the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Clifton "Bubba" Malley, who resigned his deputy position to also run for constable, was rehired as a full-time correctional officer at a rate of \$20,000 a year.

Garber reported NASA officials want to increase surveillance at the Stennis Space

Center, providing patrols 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. NASA already funds two full-time deputies, and has agreed to pay the salaries and fringe benefits of two additional deputies.

NASA has also agreed to provide funds to buy two, half-ton, four-wheel drive pickup trucks, and the county will purchase or lease the vehicles under state contract. NASA has agreed to reimburse the county monthly in order to pay for the new trucks.

The sheriff was also given permission to apply for a high-band radio frequency for the Sheriff's Department at a cost for FCC licensing not to exceed \$500.

Garber said the county plans to buy 140-hand-held radios for its deputies from the U.S.

Customs Service in order to provide uninterrupted communication between deputies on patrol and the dispatcher's office. A repeater would be needed in order to provide the communication link, but Garber said a request for funding the tower would be made later in the fiscal year.

Supervisors also approved the hiring of Gail Watts at \$18 an-hour for a maximum of 20 hours to prepare a grant application to the state Department of Public Safety.

Garber said he wants to equip his department with a live-scan fingerprint system, now in use in some parts of the state and nation.

He said the grant application would seek \$53,794 in state funds, and would require a match of \$13,448 from the county.

NASA sets cleanup hearing

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

NASA has scheduled two informational hearings Dec. 11 to solicit comments and explain plans to clean up two areas at the giant Stennis Space Center where contaminated groundwater has been found.

The public is invited to the hearing scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. at the main Hancock County Library, 312 U.S. Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. Earlier the same day at 11 a.m., employees of Stennis will get a briefing in the atrium at the center.

The sites recommended for cleanup are described as Areas F and G. The contaminant of concern at both sites is trichloroethylene, which was a common cleaning solvent used in the 1960s and 1970s.

Area F, located in the western boundary of Stennis, on the west side of Dean Road, was used as the fire department's training area from the 1960s to the 1970s. A shallow burn pit was used for training exercises, and extensive testing over the years found the area was contaminated with a number of organic compounds.

Area G, located in the southern central portion of Stennis near Building 3305, was a high pressure gas facility used from the 1970s into the 1990s.

Various high pressure gases were manufactured and stored in this area and compressor blowdown is suspected to have caused contamination in the area.

NASA has had a Virginia-based environmental consulting firm under contract to advise the agency on how best to address the cleanup.

At both sites, consultants recommended pumping out and treating the contaminated groundwater to acceptable levels.

The process calls for extracting the contaminated water,

removing contaminants using carbon absorption and discharging the treated water. Plans are to extract and treat the groundwater until the contaminant concentrations levels off and pumping is no longer effective in extracting the contaminants. Scientists say natural degradation would further reduce the remaining contaminants to acceptable levels.

For those who may not be able to attend the informational hearing, NASA is accepting public written comment. Comments should be sent to: Ronald G. Magee, NASA Environmental Officer, Code RA02, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000.

In addition, the proposed plan for each cleanup and the reports on which they are based are available for review at the main library.

The two latest areas slated for cleanup were among 40 sites identified at Stennis in 1990 for further investigation. Of the 40 original sites, 26 were found to be clean or were cleaned up during early removal activities, and 14 required additional investigation.

Results of these investigations indicated nine of those sites would require cleanup, and the two being presented at the Dec. 11 meeting are part of those nine.

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all the water we needed that night. However, there was not one time that we were pumping mud. Yes, several things went wrong. As Asst. Chief of my dept. it is my responsibility to figure out what those problems were, and fix them.

I have no problem being criticized by anyone, but I do ask that you take into consideration that almost everyone on that scene was there on their own time, at no expense to any-

one, endangering their lives to do what they love, help their fellow man.

I challenge this anonymous witness to come join a volunteer fire dept. and see just what it is that we do, and then come to a conclusion as to whether or not we're just pitiful, or a bunch of good hearted people.

Matt Sekinger
Asst. Chief, East
Hancock Volunteer Fire Dept.

Christmas to highlight story hours

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Christmas will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

The *Night Before Christmas* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* are the books to be read during the program.

Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children making a Christmas card.

Merry Christmas will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Madeline's Christmas, *The Mouse Before Christmas* and *The Night Before Christmas* are the books to be read during the

program. Children will make a paper wreath and sing Christmas songs.

These will be the last story hours until after Christmas.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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Correction

The following notice printed incorrectly in the B section of today's Sea Coast Echo:

Breakfast with Santa at HMC

The Kiwanis Club of Hancock County is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 15, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Cost is \$3 per person, and tickets will be available at the door.

Children's pictures with Santa will be free.

For information, contact Bernard Chevalier at 467-8719.

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SPORTS

Lady Wildcats wrap up successful fall in softball

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Pearl River Community College's first season of fast-pitch softball play was a learning experience for the Wildcats last year, according to head coach Laurie Neelis.

"It was a different game for many of our players," said Neelis. "It's very difficult making the transition from slow pitch to fast pitch. I feel confident about the team we will have this spring."

Last year, the Wildcats finished 24-24 and third in the South Division. Six sophomores return off that team.

"We also have a good group of freshmen who can come in and

compliment our returning players," said Neelis. "They have jelled quickly. There is great chemistry with this group of kids."

One of the team's strengths will be pitching. The Wildcats will feature two freshmen pitchers from Louisiana who Neelis feels will make a difference when they open the 2002 season at home Feb. 12 against Pensacola (Fla.) Junior College. They are Carly Buckley of Zachary, La. and Christy Wilson of Lafayette, La. They are both righthanders.

"Buckley finished the fall as the ace of our pitching staff," said Neelis. "She possesses good

speed with her fast ball. She has five pitches to work with. Wilson is our No. 2. When she is not pitching she will be playing second base for us."

Other pitchers on the staff include sophomore returnee Candy Coggin of West Marion, and Purvis freshmen Lindsay Fries and April Rouse.

"Good junior college pitchers have to have good speed with good off speed stuff," said Neelis. "As a coach I want them to keep hitters off balance and I feel like we have the pitchers on our staff to do that."

The catching duties will be handled by Candice Hyatt, a sophomore from Hancock High

School. Coggin is the first baseman. Other infielders in the mix are sophomores Brandi Tynes of Columbia, Melissa Speights of West Marion and Georgelynn Bennett of Pearl River Central.

Tynes was the team's leading hitter last year with a .378 average. Speights was second at .358. The outfield group includes Hancock sophomore Mindy Ladner in center field, Poplarville freshman Emily Carver in right field and Hattiesburg freshman Alicia Horne in left field.

Other members of the team include freshmen Felicia Andrews and Nicole Brown of Oak Grove, Barbara Foster of

Sumrall, Williamae Fulton of Bay St. Louis, and Twyla Hyatt of Hancock.

"We told this group coming in this fall that we had to have three things from them," said Neelis. "They are a dedication to the team, a commitment to our goals and that it was going to take a lot of sacrifice on their parts. This group has gone above and beyond what we have asked of them."

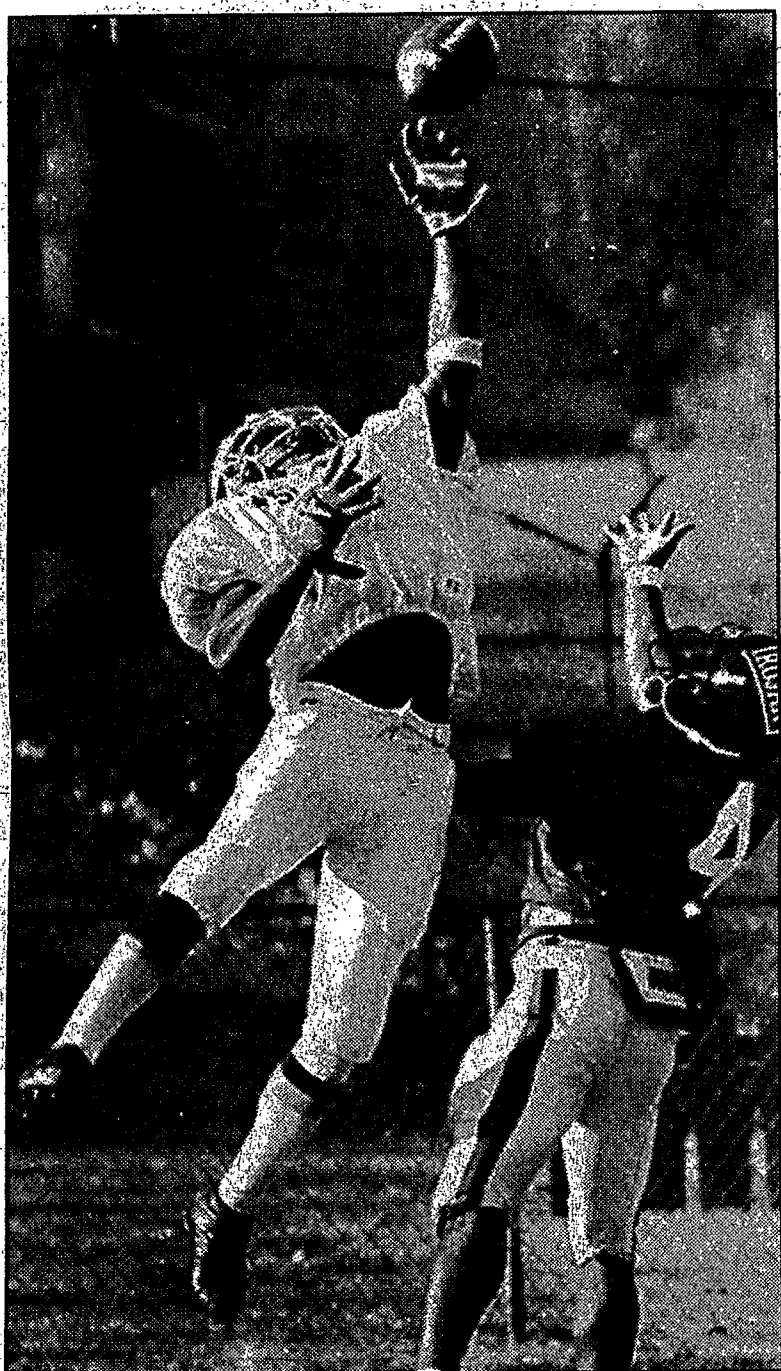
The Wildcats went through a rigorous six-week fall workout schedule. They finished 3-0, defeating William Carey College 4-3, East Mississippi Community College 8-0 and Jones County Junior College 21-

1. This will be Neelis' sixth season at PRCC. She has a full-time assistant coach for the first time. She is Leigh White, a University of Southern Mississippi graduate who was an assistant coach at Gulf Coast Community College last season.

When the Wildcats open the season Feb. 12, PRCC fans will find a new covered grandstand-press box behind home plate. The field itself has a new sprinkler system in place. Future plans call for lighting the field and adding a new clubhouse.

The Wildcats will begin spring workouts Jan. 7 and have about four weeks of work before beginning a 36-game schedule.

All-star player



Pearl River wide receiver Aaron Dunklin (white jersey) leaps high for a pass in the endzone over Northwest defensive back Jay Harris (4) in the MACJC All-Star Classic played Saturday on the Northeast Mississippi Community College campus in Booneville. Dunklin, a St. Stanislaus graduate, was a member of the South Division All-Star squad, which took a hard-fought 16-14 victory in the annual game that pits top sophomore players from the MACJC's North and South divisions. Dunklin was one of eight PRCC football players named to the elite squad. — PRCC Sports Information Photo

OLA drops Chapelle, ties George County

OLA-CHAPELLE

Our Lady Academy defeated Chapelle of New Orleans 3-1 Thursday in high school soccer action. Rachel Cranford scored two goals for the Crescents and Emily Meyers had one as the team ran its record to 8-1-1. Kara Harshbarger, Laura Ellis and Lauren Goulet each had an assist.

OLA-GEORGE COUNTY

Our Lady Academy and George County battled to a

scoreless tie in high school soccer Friday night. Jennifer Cootie recorded the shutout in goal for the Crescents.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA won 7-0. Lauren Renz, Meghan Flynt and Margaret Hadden scored two goals each for the Crescents, and Amanda Meyers had one. Meyers, Hadden and Flynt also each had an assist. Annette Alland had the shutout in goal.

OLA will travel to Gulfport

Tuesday for a 5:30 p.m. contest with the Lady Admirals.

BAY HIGH-D'IBERVILLE

Katie Fillingame scored two goals and Samantha Polkey and

Heather Bourgeois had one goal each as the Bay High School Lady Tigers stopped the D'Iberville Lady Warriors 4-2 in soccer action. Samantha Billingsley had two assists.

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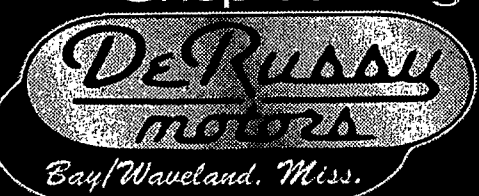
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SPORTS

OLA sets records in state swimming meet; St. Stanislaus places ninth in the state

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock, OLA, and St. Stanislaus swimmers all competed in the South State Swimming Championships and State Swimming Championships held at the Biloxi Natatorium on October 27 and November 3, respectively.

In the South State meet, OLA placed fourth overall in the girls division while Hancock finished 13th out of 19 teams. The meet was won by Biloxi High School with 385.5 points followed by Picaune with 280.5, Oak Grove 207, OLA 182.5, Ocean Springs 153.5, Gulfport 126, Harrison Central 119, Meridian 116, Pearl River Central 111, West Jones 99, Brandon 80, Mercy Cross 60, Hancock 59, D'Iberville 50, Hattiesburg 45, Natchez Cathedral 33, St. John 25, Northeast Lauderdale 16, and South Jones with two points.

On the boys' side, St. Stanislaus placed fourth overall while Hancock placed sixth out of 18 teams. The winner of the meet was Biloxi High School with 423 points followed by Picaune with 261.5, West Jones 165, SSC 164, Oak Grove 162, Hancock 129, Harrison Central 123, South Jones 117, Brandon 112, Ocean Springs 100, Hattiesburg 85, Meridian 62, Mercy Cross 60, Pearl River Central 54.5, D'Iberville 44, Northeast Lauderdale 30, St. John 22, and Gulfport 13.

The Hancock County area had several top ten finishers in the South State meet in both the girls and boys events. OLA was led by Alyssa Walter who placed third out of 23 swimmers in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:26.65. Walter also brought home a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:08.82.

Kathryn Slonaker finished second overall in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:20.81 and sixth overall in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:25.22.

Amanda Sramek took fifth place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.63. All three of OLA's relay teams placed in

the top ten. The 200-yard medley relay placed fourth with a time of 2:12.98. The team consisted of Camille Covington, Sramek, Walter, and Elissa Kergosien. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Elissa Kergosien, Laura Kergosien, Covington, and Sramek placed third overall in 1:57.92. The 400-yard freestyle relay team took fourth place in 4:29.31. The team was made up of Slonaker, Sramek, Laura Kergosien, and Walter.

Cindy Spangler of Hancock placed fourth overall in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:23.59 while Andrea White was the other top ten finisher for the Hancock girls team. White placed tenth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:07.56. The 200-yard medley relay time for OLA was a new school record.

The boys division also had several top ten finishers at the South State meet.

Ty Breaux of SSC placed sixth overall in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.70. Cole Larsen finished just behind Breaux in seventh place in the same race. Larsen's time was 25.84. Larsen claimed third place overall in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:37.37.

Ramsey Shawa touched the wall in sixth place overall in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.66. Shawa also finished fourth overall in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.90.

All three relay teams for SSC placed in the top ten in rankings at South State. The 200-yard medley relay team of Shawa, Breaux, Larsen, and Preston Ellis placed third overall with a time of 2:00.20. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Ben Rader, T.J. Koger, Ellis, and Barrett Hall placed seventh overall in 1:52.08. And, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Larsen, Shawa, Josh Schultz, and Stephen Stanley placed third overall with a time of 4:13.63.

The Hancock boys swimmers placed several in the top ten, as well. Adam Rosser placed

eighth overall in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:38.85. Ian Blakeney finished fifth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:12.40. Ryan Chauvin took home ninth place in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:00.98. Brian Easter added an eighth place finish to Hancock's score sheet with a time of 1:15.58.

Two of Hancock's relay teams placed in the top ten. The 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relay teams placed sixth and fifth, respectively. The 200-yard freestyle team finished the race in 1:50.32, and the team consisted of Rosser, Chris Raffo, Blakeney, and Chauvin. The same relay team finished the 400-yard freestyle relay in 4:18.13.

In the state championships held in Biloxi on November 3, the OLA Crescents placed 12th out of 28 teams. Hancock did not score in the girls division but did compete.

The winner of the state championship was Cleveland High School with 201.5 points. Northwest Rankin placed second with 200 points followed by Tupelo with 198, Oxford 179.5, Biloxi 166, Amory 155.5, St. Andrew's 131, Oak Grove 117, Madison Central 106, Picaune 97, Columbus 90, OLA 68, Harrison Central 65, Ocean Springs 62, Clinton 50, Gulfport 43, St. Joseph 37, Meridian 37, Terry 30, D'Iberville 29.5, Mississippi Math & Science 22, Starkville 19, Mercy Cross 18, Brandon 17, Pearl River Central 17, West Jones 6, Warren Central 6, and Hattiesburg with two points.

The St. Stanislaus Rock chaws placed ninth out of 30 teams. Biloxi High School was crowned state champions with 293 points. Cleveland tallied 262 points for second place followed by St. Aloysius with 258, Madison Central 231, Tupelo 155, Clinton 102, Picaune 98, West Jones 93, SSC 91, Brandon 77, Northwest Rankin 63, Oak Grove 48, Ocean Springs 45, Hattiesburg 39, Meridian 34, Mississippi Math & Science 32, Harrison Central 32, Amory 32, Columbus 31,

Starkville 26, South Jones 25, St. Andrew's 24, Hancock 21, St. Joseph of Greenville 20, West Point 15, Pearl River Central 10, Warren Central 8, Mercy Cross 2, Oxford 2, and Gulfport with one point.

The top ten finishers for OLA in the state meet were Alyssa Walter with a fourth place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:18.85 and fourth place finish in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:22.99. Walter's mark in the individual medley was a new school record.

The OLA 200-yard freestyle relay team of Camille Covington, Elissa Kergosien, Laura Kergosien, and Amanda Sramek placed tenth overall with a time of 1:58.31. The 200-yard medley relay team of Covington, Walter, Sramek, and Elissa Kergosien placed 11th overall but set a new school record with a time of 2:12.00.

Amy Lamb of OLA also set a new school record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:19.39. Lamb finished 27th overall.

The top finishers for the St. Stanislaus boys were Ty Breaux in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.33. Breaux finished tenth overall. Ramsey Shawa placed seventh overall in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.25.

Cole Larsen placed 12th in the 100-yard butterfly but set a new school record with a time of 1:03.73. Larsen also placed sixth overall in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:18.09.

Two of SSC's relay teams placed in the top ten. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Breaux, Larsen, Ben Rader, and Shawa placed seventh overall with a time of 4:02.19. The 200-yard medley relay team of Preston Ellis, Shawa, Larsen, and Breaux placed seventh overall with a time of 1:58.30.

There were not any Hancock boy swimmers that finished in the top ten.

The highest finisher for the Hawks was Adam Rosser in the 50-yard freestyle. Rosser placed 17th overall with a time of 26.59.

Maxwell resigns as PRCC football coach

Scott Maxfield has resigned his position as head football coach at Pearl River Community College after one season to accept a head coaching position at Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas.

Maxfield, 41, informed PRCC President William Lewis of his decision Tuesday night. "We are certainly going to miss Coach Maxfield and his family," said Lewis. "Coach Maxfield brought a level of excitement to Wildcat football this past season. We wish him and his family well in their new position."

Maxfield guided the 2001 Wildcats to a 7-2 overall record, the school's first winning season since 1995.

Lewis said the search for a replacement for Maxfield would begin immediately. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 31. A search committee, made up of faculty, students and representatives from throughout Pearl River's six-county district, will then review the applications and schedule interviews.

"This is a very important position at this institution and we plan to screen each applicant carefully before beginning the interviews," said Lewis. He hopes to have a recommendation in time for the January meeting of the school's Board of

Trustees.

As far as qualifications for candidates, a master's degree is preferred, with a successful background in football coaching and be a proven recruiter.

"The coach we select must possess highly developed interpersonal, administrative, and organizational skills," said Lewis. "He must have the ability to motivate and inspire young student-athletes."

Send letter of interest, application, resume-transcripts and three letters of reference to: Head Football Coach Search Committee, Pearl River Community College, P.O. Box 5090, Poplarville, MS 39470.

Maxfield replaced the late Keith Daniels as head football coach of the Wildcats in December 2000.

The 2001 Wildcats finished third in the MACJC South

Division with a 4-2 record, just missing the state playoffs. His "air raid" offense, led by sophomore quarterback Charlie Reeve, the Region XXIII Most Valuable Player, broke several PRCC offensive records.

The team averaged 30 points and 460 yards total offense per game. Reeve led the nation in passing, averaging 283 yards per game and threw for 25 touchdowns.

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December 19, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse, in Bay St. Louis sponsored by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

The specific purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential projects for funding through an application for Land and Water Conservation Grant Funds.

Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting, or in writing to:

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Obituaries

ROGER D. ALLEN SR.
NORMAN R. SIMMS
LOUIS STARITA JR.
VELENIA STEGENGA

ROGER D. ALLEN SR.
Roger Dale Allen Sr. of Kiln, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, in Kiln.

Mr. Allen was born in 1949 in Lyman. He designed and built many yards and gardens in Diamondhead.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Bertie Lee Wheat Allen and brothers Henry Ervon Allen Jr., Danny Ray Allen and Ernest Loren Allen.

Survivors include his wife Gayle O'Shields-Allen of Kiln; Sons, Rocky Allen of Lizana and Vincent Allen of Gulfport; Stepsons, Jonathon Morgan of Pass Christian and Christopher O'Shields of San Diego, CA.; Brother Carson Ladner of Pass Christian; Sisters, Phyllis Zeigler of Norwalk, OH.; Evelyn Marcae of Toronto, Canada; Peggy Bothwell of Geneva, FL.; Donna Kymard of Lizana and Ruby Thibodeaux of Saucier; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church on Edwin Ladner Road in Pass Christian, where friends may call after 9 a.m.

Burial will follow in St. Joseph at Rotten Bayou

Cemetery.

LOUIS STARITA JR.

Louis L. "Larry" Starita Jr., 59, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Starita was born in Bay St. Louis and was a lifelong resident of Pineville. He was in the last graduating class of St. Joseph High School in Pass Christian. He retired from DuPont and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Cuevas Volunteer Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Vera Starita.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Minesinger Starita of Pass Christian; a son, Kenneth "Kenny" Starita of Magee; five daughters, Vicki Runnels, Angie Starita, Shari White and Tricia Harris, all of Pass Christian, and Stacy Jones of El Paso, Texas; a brother, Charles Joseph "Joey" Starita of Pass Christian; two sisters, Mary Susan Madigan of Pass Christian and Diane Howell of Long Beach; and 10 grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic

Church followed by burial in Old DeLisle Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to March of Dimes, 319 Courthouse Road, Gulfport, MS 39507, or to the Heart Association, P.O. Box 638, Gulfport, MS 39502.

VELENIA STEGENGA

Velenia Cuevas Stegenga, 85, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Stegenga was an Episcopalian and homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Piet Stegenga Sr.; brothers Soliman Cuevas, Frank Cuevas, Loran Cuevas, Lourance Cuevas, Theofield Cuevas, Leverage Cuevas and Alvis Cuevas; and sisters Ella Robin and Viola Cuevas Ladner.

Survivors include sons Max Stegenga and wife Selma; Harvey Stegenga and wife Janice, all of Long Beach; and Lt. Col. Peter Stegenga, Jr. of Columbia, S.C.; a daughter, Loretta Helto and husband Robert Sr. of Long Beach; a brother, Atlas Cuevas of DeLisle; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

NORMAN R. SIMMS

Norman R. Simms of Picayune, died Dec. 8, 2001 in Slidell, LA.

Mr. Simms was born in Laurel and was the coroner of Pearl River County; building contractor; and owner of the Picayune Funeral Home. He was a member of the Goodyear Baptist Church, the Lions Club, the Shriners, Tree Bowling League and past president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Dale Simms. Survivors include his wife Jane Simms of Picayune; stepson Robert Sampson of Columbus; four step-daughters Betty Anderson of Aribi, LA.; and Mary McDaniel, Sue Sylvest and Pam Hobgood, all of Picayune; two grandsons; ten step grandsons; one great-grandson; and three step great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Picayune Funeral Home.

Services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Goodyear Baptist church in Picayune. Services will be officiated by Rev. Arlis F. Grice and Brother Alvie White.

Burial will be held at the New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

Dunbar Village community blood drive rescheduled

Dunbar Village and the American Red Cross are once again inviting blood donors to be heroes during the holiday season by giving blood.

The blood drive was originally scheduled for Thanksgiving week but was canceled due to unforeseen generator problems on the Red Cross trailer.

The blood drive has been rescheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, 2-6 p.m. in the living room and activity room of Dunbar Village, 725 Dunbar Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

All donors will receive a free

T-shirt, courtesy of Dunbar Village and Jolly Rogers Printing, and a holiday hero pin.

To give blood, you must be 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated in the past 56 days and be in good general health.

To make an appointment to donate, call Dunbar Village at 467-3099.

For more information about hosting a blood drive or helping out as a volunteer, call the American Red Cross at 1-888-432-5663.

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This Christmas, the Bay St. Louis Little Theater will be sponsoring "Twas The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas," a fast-paced comedy-drama to be presented at the theater on the weekend of Dec. 14-16.

The musical is being presented by Hancock County area churches and will benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry.

"Twas The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas," directed by Syd and Angie DeFraithe, is a musical production that explores the "why do we do it?" aspect of Christmas.

The frenzied activities that usually surround the holidays eventually give way to the deeper meaning: the message of hope, that Christmas brings to the world.

Comedy, new songs, and poignant dialogue are intertwined to make this a family holiday event to remember. The

musical will be free of charge, and will also serve as an opportunity for the community to make donations to the Food Pantry.

Performance times at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater on Boardman Avenue are: Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m., and a Sunday, Dec. 16 matinee at 3 p.m.

Regular admission to the theater has been waived, and everyone is asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food items.

For additional information, contact 467-4488 or by e-mail at wofbsl@aol.com.

Krewe of Nereids seeks parade entries for annual Mardi Gras Parade in Feb.

The Krewe of Nereids announces its annual parade scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. The Krewe invites community groups to enter and join the fun.

Entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other types of family entertainment groups.

Prizes will be awarded in

four categories: Walking groups, business-sponsored floats, neighborhood-sponsored floats and floats sponsored by other krewees. For more information and entry forms, call Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, extension 227 (8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays) or 255-8271 (after 6 p.m.).

A complete set of parade rules will be sent at time of

entry. Entry forms may also be obtained at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce office in Bay St. Louis.

The Nereids parade route follows Highway 90 in Waveland from Choctaw Plaza to the Bay St. Louis Post Office and returns to Waveland Avenue.

Deadline for entries is Jan. 20.

Pass Middle School making the grade on MS test scores

Pass Christian Middle School is proudly making the grade on Mississippi's Curriculum Test scores.

The students scored well above the state average in all areas.

The following synopsis reveals the results:

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- Reading: 7th graders scored 2nd of all Coast districts.
- Math: 7th graders scored 2nd of all Coast districts.

"Basically, this is an ongoing coordinated effort that incorporated all facets of the school community. The results are obvious," said spokesperson Jimmie Quinn.

"They have utilized numerous integral components for this success. From my perspective, this is a school of positive atmosphere, positive attitudes, and teamwork."

Dec. 10-14, they are celebrating their success and recognizing those who played a part. Some of the activities include: banners, group pictures, hats for the staff, cokes for the students, and many other interesting events.

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BUSINESS NEWS

PRCC to offer officer training course

Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center, in conjunction with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, will offer a part-time/reserve officers course in January in Bay St. Louis.

Orientation for the part-time reserve auxiliary academy will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, and approximately two Saturdays per month. The class will run for five months.

Participants must be sponsored by a local law enforcement agency. The fee is \$50.

For information or to make a reservation, call Dr. Barbara Gandy at (601) 554-5532.

The academy is a part of the law enforcement training program sponsored by the State Board for Community Colleges and Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center. Gandy is the project manager.

"The goal of this project is to provide individual law enforcement personnel in our six-county district with the skills to perform their police duties safely, competently, at low risk to themselves and to persons they may encounter while enforcing the laws," said Gandy.

MDA plans area seminars

Economic development partners can gain information on a variety of issues at one of seven seminars presented by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA).

MDA Executive Director Robert J. Rohrlack Jr., along with members of his staff, will present a series of briefings across the state to explain the agency's vision for economic development and to gain input about economic development issues facing our state beginning Monday, Dec. 10.

Dates and times for the meetings are:

Monday, Dec. 10
Gulfport, 9 a.m., Orange Grove Community Center, Highway 49

Hattiesburg, 2 p.m., Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center, Lakeview Room, Highway 49 North

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Tupelo, 9 a.m., Ramada Inn Conference Center, 845 North Gloster Street

Meridian, 2 p.m., Meridian Community College Campus, Meridian Room, Meridian Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Jackson, 8 a.m., Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, Forestry Center, 1150 Lakeland Drive (Park at Smith Wills Stadium)

MHC to host Affordable Housing Conference

Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC), the state's housing finance authority, will host Mississippi's 10th annual Affordable Housing Conference, January 23-25 at the Silver Star Resort and Casino in Philadelphia, Miss.

The pre-conference agenda, set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, is designed for those who have an interest in MHC's Housing Tax Credit Program.

The day will begin with a basic Tax Credit workshop and will end with the presentation



Casino Magic's new hotel is "topped out" Friday

Magic tops out new hotel

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis moved closer to opening its new hotel tower, as it "topped out" the structure Friday of last week.

Roy Anderson Corp., the general contractor for the project, completed the concrete hotel structure on schedule with the pouring of the roof.

They raised the traditional evergreen tree and placed it on top of the building to signify that it is topped out. The evergreen tree is customarily thought to bring good luck to the occupants of the hotel tower and symbolizes a safe and successful completion of the structural work.

The new "Bay

Tower," as it will be called, includes 291 rooms, nine deluxe suites, and 46 junior suites, 10,000 square feet of convention space, a new themed restaurant, retail space, pool and deck area, and a spa and fitness center. The completion of the hotel is scheduled for the spring of 2002.

"We are very excited to announce that we are moving quickly toward the completion and opening of the Bay Tower and its related amenities. This ceremony marks the substantial completion of the structural work, signifying our shift to interior work," said John E. Jagunich, president and CEO of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, said Jagunich.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is owned by Penn National Gaming Inc., of Wyomissing, Penn. Penn National Gaming owns and operates the Casino Rouge in Baton Rouge, La.; Charles Town Races in Charles Town, W. V.; and Boomtown Biloxi casino in Biloxi.

Penn National also owns two racetracks and 11 off-track wagering facilities in Pennsylvania and one racetrack at Charles Town Races in West Virginia, and has the management contract for Casino Rama, located approximately 90 miles north of Toronto.

The 591-acre Casino Magic Bay St. Louis property also includes an 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed golf course, an existing 201-room hotel, a 100-site RV park, a marina and a 22,000 square foot entertainment facility.

The addition of the new hotel tower brings the total number of hotel rooms on the property to 492.

"In addition to the current casino and resort amenities, the new Bay Tower restaurant, meeting facilities and spa will make Casino Magic Bay St. Louis the premier casino and golf resort on

the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Jagunich.

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Top Navy hydrographer to speak at Gulfport event

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce will present service recognition awards at an "Early Birds" breakfast featuring Rear Admiral Thomas Q. Donaldson, U.S. Navy Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Sponsored by Gulf Oaks Hospital, the "Early Birds" event at One Hancock Plaza's fifteenth-floor Great Southern Club opens at 7:30 a.m., with the program beginning 8 a.m.

Admiral Donaldson holds a master's degree in meteorology, physical oceanography, and National Strategic Studies. A veteran of the Vietnam conflict, he received Ensign commission at the United States Naval Academy in 1975.

He assumed command of the Navy's global team of 3,000 military and civilian meteorologists, oceanographers, and hydrographers in November

2000 following a distinguished roster of assignments with destroyers, aircraft carriers (including the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy), and both attack and ballistic missile submarines.

Admiral Donaldson has also flown with fixed-wing and helicopter squadrons for over ten years, conducting anti-submarine warfare research and development.

In April 2001 the Chief of Naval Operations designated Donaldson to represent United States naval interests internationally as Hydrographer of the Navy headquartered at John C. Stennis Space Center.

"At a time when national defense is foremost on every American's mind, we're excited and honored to welcome Admiral Donaldson as our December 'Early Birds' keynote speaker. It's important that all chamber members join us in recognizing the military person-

nel, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and educators who keep our local community safe and strong," said Jean Wiesenburg, the University of Southern Mississippi development officer who co-chairs "Early Birds" functions with Hancock Bank private banker Marilyn Brown.

For more information about "Early Birds" breakfasts and other Gulfport Chamber of Commerce activities, readers may call 863-2933.

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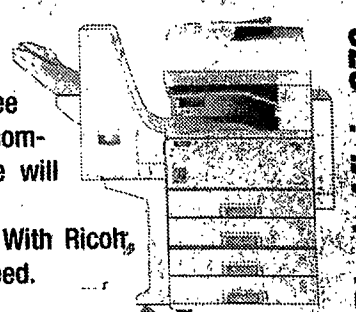
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Tank Williams: A star at Stanford and soon, the pros

BY IRV CUEVAS

Contributing Writer

PALO ALTO, CA. — The voice of the field announcer resounds through Stanford University stadium on a chilly and wet night: "free safety from Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi ... with his parents Rosie and Cleveland Williams ... All American Tank Williams".

From that stirring introduction prior to the November 24th Stanford-Notre Dame gridiron matchup, to a diving interception to shutdown a possible Fighting Irish winning drive with just seconds left in the game, the night would be very special for this young football star.

For the former Bay High School Tigers great, this would be his last college game before the home crowd at the prestigious University.

It was an emotional night dedicated to the Stanford Cardinal seniors and their proud parents ... all introduced with their sons on the soggy field prior to kickoff.

The parents and other relatives then sat as a group in the stadium, bundled against the rain and cold, cheering and fretting during the topsy-turvy game. Joining Tank's parents were his older sister Lawankia Williams, Aunt Mary Dixon of Greenville, MS., and cousin Rashad Hart of LaPlace, LA.

Of course, such support is nothing new for Tank's family. They have been in the stands for Tank throughout his football playing days.

Tank says "I've always been blessed with family love and support."

The name "Tank" is attributed to Lawankia. Her younger brother, as an infant, had an almost unquenchable thirst for milk ... bottle after bottle. "My sister said to my mother, 'you have to give him so many bottles of milk, why don't you just give him a tank of milk.' And thus the name Tank, and it's stayed with him ever since ... a name he prefers.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Dad, Cleveland Williams, and Mom, Rosie, are no strangers to Bay and Gulf Coast area football and schools. The senior Williams is a former head football coach at Bay High, and now is athletic director for Pass Christian High School. Mrs. Williams is a teacher at North Gulfport Middle School. They and other family members have traveled the country to cheer on and support Tank ... from Palo Alto, to Seattle, Washington to South Bend, Indiana and many more football strongholds.

For this season's Notre Dame game, there would be even more special fans. Four friends and former high-school teammates spent Thanksgiving Day flying to Palo Alto to see their buddy play. Doug Meadows, Daniel Murphy, Jerry Felder and Michael Richardson all concur it is a thrill and privilege to be there for Tank's final home game. It's their first time to see their popular and famous friend perform on the college field. When asked whether they noticed any changes, all agreed: "he's the same Tank to us."

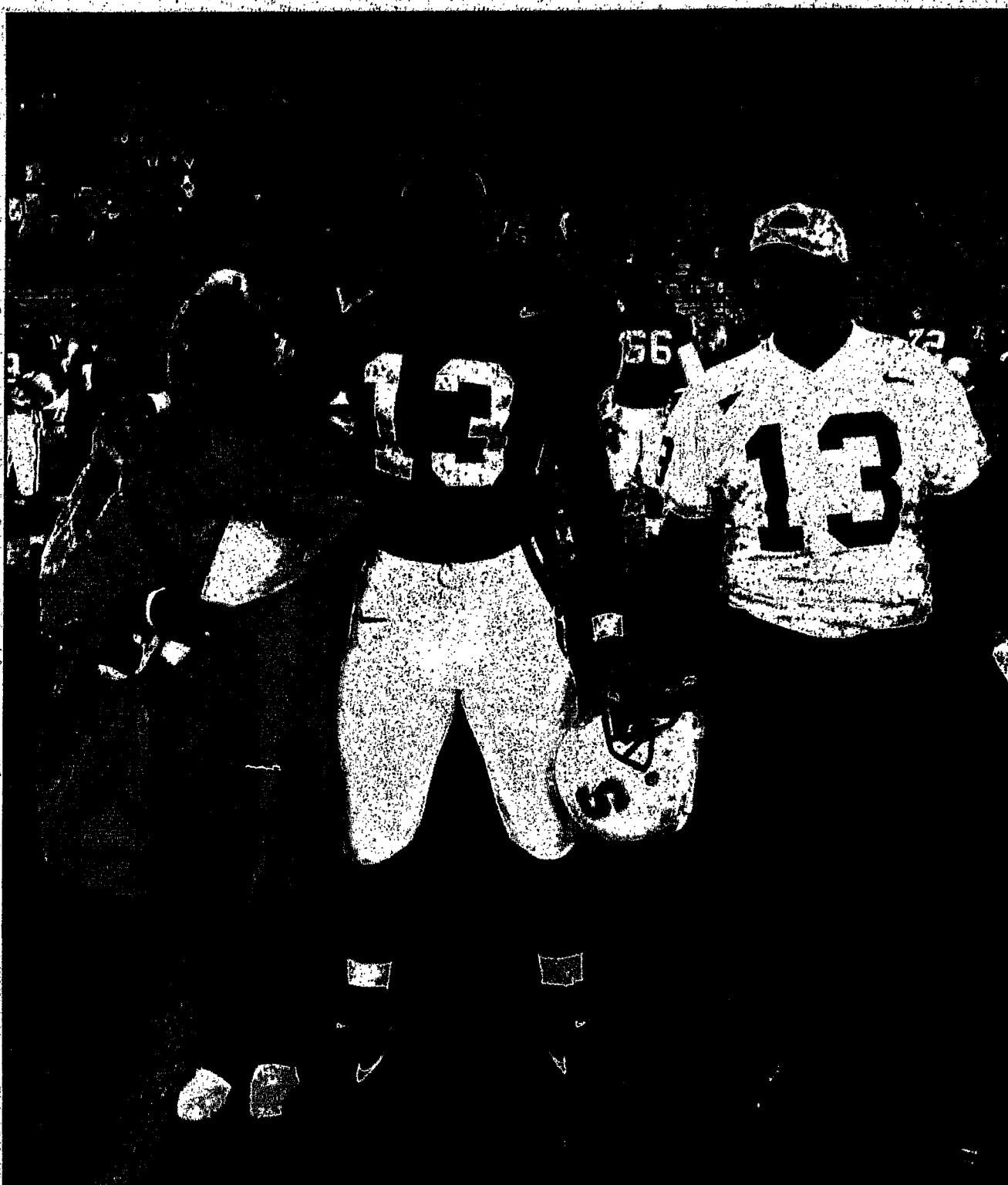
Any doubts to the contrary are erased by watching and listening as the five young men chat, share memories and playfully interact outside the team locker room on the afternoon before the big game with Notre Dame.

TANK SHINES

That the game would end in a Stanford victory, and turn on a Tank Williams interception are only fitting. He has built a solid reputation roaming the Cardinal defensive backfield in the tough Pac-10 conference.

Williams says choosing Stanford was an easy decision. "When you combine the top-notch academics with the excellent athletic program, you can't help but fall in love with the place. I just jumped at the opportunity to surround myself with so many outstanding people who are talented in so many areas," he says.

That he was chosen as a scholarship athlete at prestigious Stanford is another testament to Williams' capabilities. Stanford is an academic powerhouse ... considered by many to be the "Harvard of the West." Class attendance and performance are a crucial norm for all



Former Bay High School All-American and current Stanford University stand-out Tank Williams with mom Rosie and dad Cleveland at Stanford's last home game against Notre Dame this season. Tank made an interception at the end of the game to help Stanford come from behind to win.

students. For an athlete, it's even more demanding. Come graduation in the Spring, Williams will leave the university with an excellent grade point average and a degree in Political Science.

Tank says he's had to stay "extremely goal oriented and focused academically and athletically ... because of the demands on student-athletes by an institute of this magnitude." His advice to high schoolers who want to play college ball: "focus on your books ... it's amazing how college programs focus on your academics when deciding to offer scholarships."

ACCOLADES

Accolades and recognition came quickly as Williams got attention from the first day of practice with the Stanford football program. He would start in the defensive backfield as a freshman. And since then, recognition for his prowess has spread from Palo Alto across the nation. In addition to being named a "Football News" All American, the powerfully built free safety has garnered all PAC-10 honors and is a Jim Thorpe Award candidate this season.

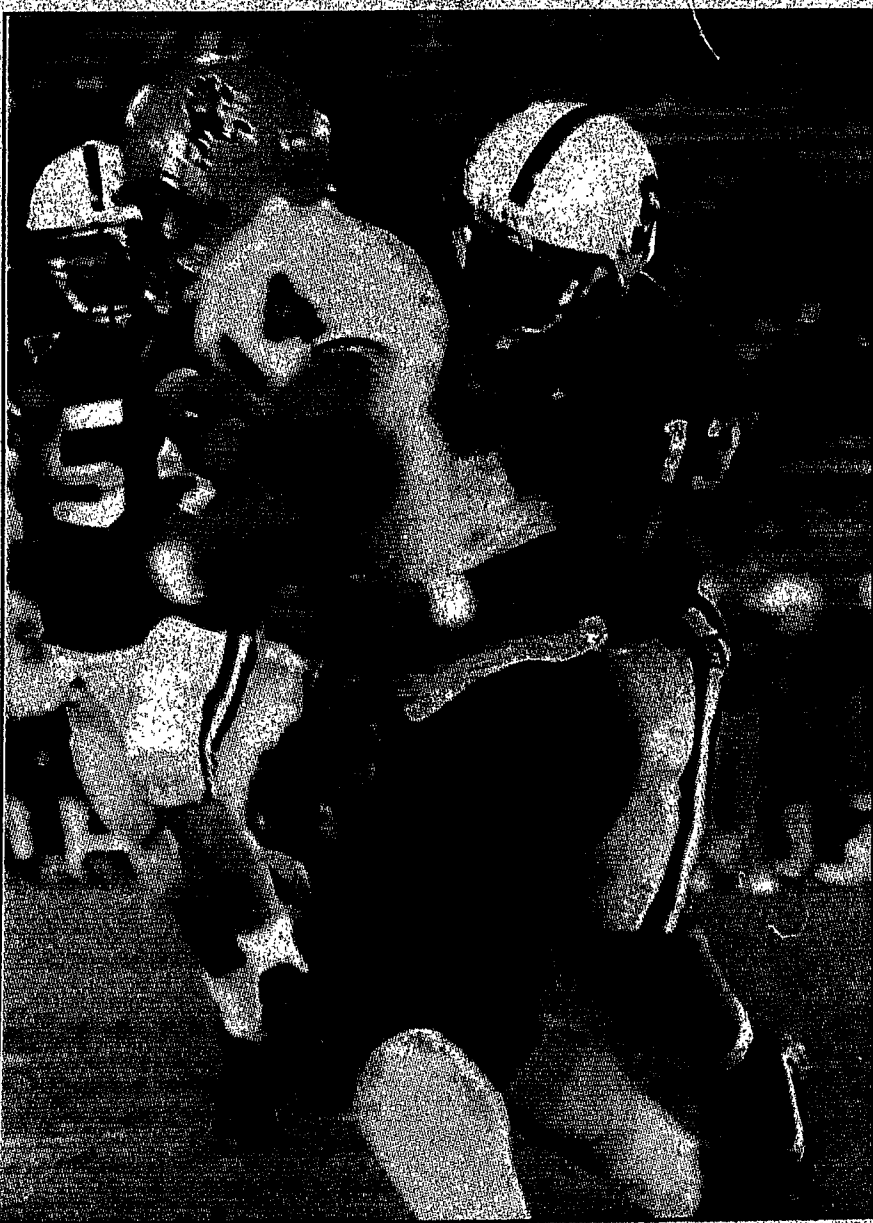
He has been singled out by none other than TV sportscast-

ing giant Keith Jackson on ABC telecasts of Stanford games, to high profile coverage in national sports magazines, and newspapers from coast to coast.

Prior to the Notre Dame game, Jackson, known as "Mister College Football" did a one-on-one interview with Williams for the Saturday night prime time broadcast. And after Tank's interception sealed the Stanford victory, the sportscaster in his famous style told the national audience: "Tank Williams ... you'll hear that name a long time on Sundays I suspect."

In its college football preview edition, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED had this to say: "senior safety Tank Williams, as his name suggests, is the big hitter for the Cardinal defense." Then in the October SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, Tank is prominently featured in a huge two-page color photo spread, "lowering the boom" on Oregon's Heisman candidate quarterback Joey Harrington.

The sports page of a recent LOS ANGELES TIMES said: "rarely has a name screamed football like that of Cardinal defensive star Tank Williams. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound free safety is best known for his hits."



Tank displays how he earned his name at a recent game.

vicious tackler.

BOWL GAMES

Big games are nothing new to Williams. He's made his presence felt against top foes in the highly competitive PAC-10. The senior safety has also experienced the thrill of playing havoc with the opposing offense in the "Granddaddy of Bowl Games," the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Ca.

Says Williams: "The Rose Bowl was just an awesome experience. I can remember watching the game every year with my Dad, and to be able to finally play in it was a dream come true."

This season, Stanford tops off its winning record with an appearance in the Seattle Bowl on December 27th, tangling with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Then Tank plans to showcase his skills for NFL scouts in the post-season college all-star game, the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Alabama in January.

TO THE NFL

The future is bright for Williams who now can begin thinking about his next gridiron challenge of "playing on Sundays." Football analysts say Tank is expected to go high in the NFL draft. He says "it would be nice to play for a team close to home so family and friends could come to a lot of games, but I just want the opportunity to play. I have dreamed of playing pro-ball since I was six or seven ... so just having the opportunity to chase my dream would be an awesome experience."

Clearly, Tank will be a big-time NFL player," says Coach Schuler. "It just may happen that Williams will line up on the same field with that other Hancock County football star Brett Favre. Of Favre, Tank says, "he is a great quarterback and I have a lot of respect for what he has accomplished on the football field."

"I don't have any preference in the football draft ... I wouldn't mind playing with or against Brett."

Whatever the team, though, you can bet the folks of Hancock County and Bay Saint Louis

will soon be enjoying a double dose of publicity about local football stars on the national stage.

THE FIFTH QUARTER

Favre already is a veteran NFL pro, dealing with tough opposing teams, fickle fans and a sometimes hostile news media. But playing Division I football for Stanford has given Tank many high-profile opportunities to be in the spotlight as well. He's ready for the big time!

Because of his decisive interception to clinch the Cardinal victory over the Fighting Irish, Tank was mobbed by the media and fans as he left the stadium. In his muddy and rain-drenched uniform, Williams looked ever the star, fielded questions, signed autographs, and posed for photos with fans.

There would be one more stop before entering the locker room, however.

In the background, those closest to this gridiron hero ... his loving family members ... waited off to the side away from the crushing and adoring fans and the flashing cameras.

Now for a few brief moments, there would be the ritual of hearty and tender hugs, words of congratulations and love. For the close-knit Williams family, this is what it's all about: sharing a caring bond as strong in the darkness outside a stadium as under the bright lights on a Saturday night football field.

Article & Photos by Echo Contributing Writer Irv Cuevas, a Bay Saint Louis native is a News Producer/Writer for KABC-TV in Los Angeles, CA. An admitted college football fanatic, who travels the country for classic Fall rivalries, Irv has closely watched Tank Williams' college exploits. He has had the thrill of seeing Tank in action in Palo Alto, CA, and South Bend, IN.

Irv is the son of the late Monroe Frank and Margaret Oakley Fayard Cuevas. The St. Stanislaus and University of Southern Mississippi graduate began his journalism career as a reporter/photographer for the Sea Coast Echo.

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Don't let pecan scabs drive you nuts

BY STAN PACE
County Extension Agent

Many pecan trees over the state carried above average nut crops this season, but harvest quality may have been reduced by pecan scab.

Scab is a fungus disease which attacks pecan trees during rainy weather, and most scab susceptible pecan varieties showed symptom of the disease this year. On some trees scab built up to damaging levels and is causing significant damage to the nut crop.

Scab isn't a new problem for pecan production. This disease has been around for years and is considered to be the most destructive disease of pecans in the South. The fungus that causes the disease starts early in the season by attacking young rapidly growing shoots, leaves, and developing nuts.

Wet weather favors scab development, and during such periods the scab fungus attacks susceptible pecan varieties such as Schley, Success, and Stuart. These and other susceptible varieties often produce poorly in years when scab is severe. Scab-infected leaves frequently fall in late summer, and this premature leaf shed deprives trees of a food supply needed for continued nut development.

Heavily infected nuts take on a blackened appearance and drop prematurely. If you aren't sure whether you have a scab problem on your trees, bring several nut specimens by the County Extension Office for examination and disease identification.

There's not much you can do about controlling scab on this year's crop. However, if you plan to install new trees in the fall or spring planting season, it's important to realize that the easiest and least expensive route to scab control is through planting recommended scab-resistant pecan varieties.

For a listing, see MSU-ES publication 966 "Fruit and Nut Recommendations" for Mississippi, available at the County Extension Office.

Some of these varieties include Barton, Cheyenne, Davis, Elliott, and Owens.

Additionally, the following cultural practices should be part of a production program since vigorous growing trees are much less susceptible to scab and other diseases and insects:

- Collect a soil sample for nutrient analysis and apply recommended amounts of fertilizer before next season.
- Carry out sanitary measures to reduce the amount of scab fungus carryover into next year. Sanitation practices include removing old shucks and plant debris from around trees this fall and winter.

- Cut low hanging limbs. This will be important next season as a way of improving air circulation to speed drying of foliage and nuts following rainfall. The shorter the drying time, the better the chances for escaping infection by the scab fungus. Many homeowners want to spray their trees as a means of preventing disease and insect problems.

This is a difficult task since highly specialized application equipment is necessary to cover large trees. Also, several applications of fungicide are needed each season.

For a listing of licensed commercial operators, call the County Extension Office.

Where there's smoke ...



Journalists from all over Mississippi and Alabama got the opportunity last week to attend a forest fire-fighting course at Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge near the state line. Above, firefighting personnel actually start a fire.

Reporter fulfills 'burning desire' to go to interstate Prescribed Fire Media Academy

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Media representatives from across Mississippi and Alabama gathered at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday to participate in the first Prescribed Fire Media Academy. The purpose of the event was to educate the media about the importance of prescribed burns and to provide helpful hints for media participation in covering accidental fires. An actual burn was held in the afternoon at the wildlife refuge.

The day started early at the East Jackson County Community Center where participants were issued fire gear and given the opportunity to listen to a variety of "fire experts" from various state agencies. The prescribed burns done today in area wildlands take the place of what would have occurred naturally in the landscape of the past. Now, the tendency is to suppress fires, especially with the migration from the city to country homes. Underbrush species such as various grasses and shrubs have changed much of Mississippi's coastal landscape from the open park-like stands of broadleaf pines or the savannas of the past, said Rick Anderson of the Nature Conservancy.

The savanna was a fire-

induced landscape," said Anderson. "But somewhere in the past we broke our relationship with fire. We now like fire and combustion to be manageable, such as in car engines or electricity. But we have a long history of using fire in the south."

Fire is an important part of the management of the state's timber industry. Seventy-five percent of the state's forest land is privately owned, said Consulting Forester Ed Travis, and most land owners have an average of 80 acres or less.

"Management plans need to be updated to include fire management," said Travis. "Without controlled fire, the future of the longleaf pine is finished. Young pines need sunlight."

In the mid 1800's the land-

scape of the coast was very different," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Tony Wilder. "You could lead a horse through the savannas with an unobstructed view. Longleaf pines stood 40 to 50 feet high and were not close together. Fire roamed the environment. We have lost most of that and have only a small percentage of the pine savanna today."

Wildfires today, though often accidentally started by humans, are nature's attempt to "cure" the environment, said Wilder.

Because much of today's landscape has been allowed to become overgrown because of the lack of naturally occurring fires. Not only is there the danger of wildfires, but environmental diversity is also threatened. Exotic species, such as



Bennie Shallbetter, in full fire gear Wednesday.

Cogon grass allowed to spread at will, threaten many native species and environmental diversity. The controlled burn-

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Good bread, good meat – good golly, 'Let's talk'

"The table was made for conversation. Bring on the food and let's talk."

Willey Murke, 1903

Belgium food, to put it as briefly as possible, is fantastic. Several years ago I spent a little time as a guest professor at the University of Liege in Belgium. I had always found it a nice place to visit, so, when I had a chance to make an extended visit, I took it. They were also kind enough to pay for Stella to come over for a two-week visit.

It's Belgium food that I really enjoy. There is, of course, the normal European cuisine and amenities. For example, while Stella was fixing the eggs for breakfast, I would run down stairs and get fresh, still warm, from-the-oven bread from the baker a few feet from our door.



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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And later in the day, she would go out and buy fresh local produce and other ingredients for that night's supper.

But there is more to Belgium food than the typical European atmosphere and fare. It's different. It took me a little while to get used to the differences, but once I did I was delighted.

It was gourmet food with a flair. Imagine roast gooseneck, imagine whole quail in aspic! My friends would delight in taking me to places that would always leave me wondering

what it was I had eaten.

So, I was puzzled when two close friends took me out on a last outing to a place they said served great steak. I figured it was a little bit of concession to give me what they considered was an American meal. I had had what Europeans thought was an "American Meal" before and went with a silent prayer in both my heart and my stomach.

Just getting there was an adventure. We retraced our path several times, each of my

two friends claiming the other had given wrong directions. But once there, it was worth the trouble. The food was, as usual, different. And that difference was delightful.

The restaurant specialized in a main entree that was exceptional cuts of seasoned aged prime beef. These we cooked a piece at a time on a hot book-sized stone that was placed in front of each of us.

How the stone retained its heat during the meal was beyond me, but it did. And, of course, we had samples of several of Belgium splendid beers to accompany the meat's final voyage.

As we sat and talked, I noticed an elderly couple at a table just beyond us. The man was heavy set and sat stolidly addressing his meat, cutting long thin slivers and placing

them on the hot stone.

Then, when the meat was seared to his satisfaction, he would place it carefully in his mouth. Once there, he chewed each piece in a thoughtful, almost reflective manner, before leaning forward and cutting the next piece.

His much smaller wife, and I suppose she had to be his wife, I can't imagine any mistress or friend remaining there as she did, sat opposite him with a dour look that seemed to encompass her whole being.

Her eating mannerism was distinctly different from his. She addressed her food with a chicken-like stare, then cutting several small chunks, cooked each thoroughly to a near-burn. Then she placed each in her mouth where it disappeared.

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What's for Lunch?

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LUNCH
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Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Juice
Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice
Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit, Juice
Friday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice
LUNCH
Monday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Turkey Sub, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Ice Cream Sandwich
Tuesday: Lasagna, Chicken Patty Sandwich, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies
Wednesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers,

Fruit Crisp
Thursday: Turkey Supreme, Foot-long Hot Dog, Ranch Baked Fries, Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Assorted Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Yellow Cake with Icing
Friday: Nachos Grande, Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli/Cheese/Rice, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream Sandwich
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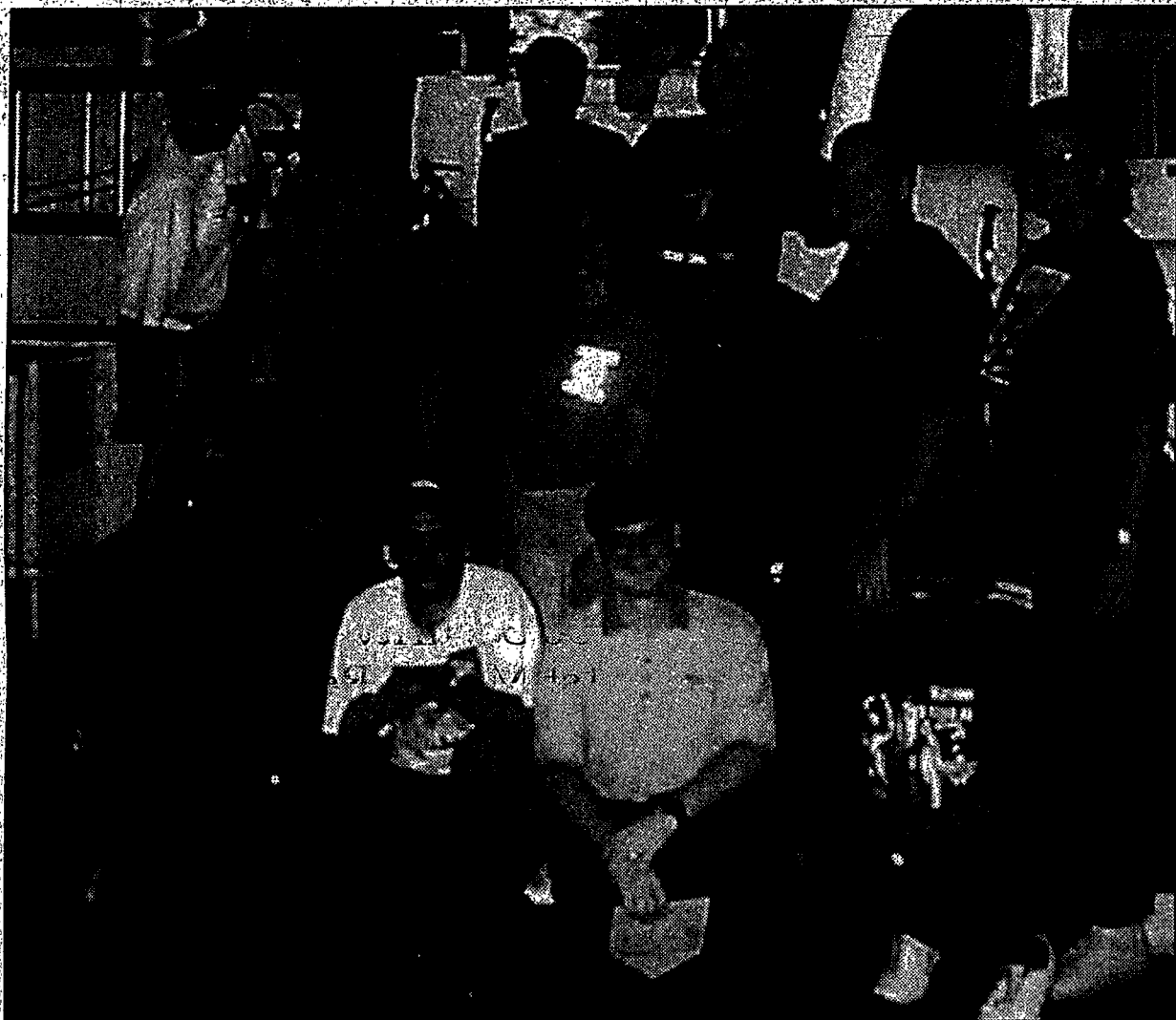
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Non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP)

In an effort to make NAP very similar to Federal Crop Insurance, considerable changes have been made in the NAP regulations.

For 2001 and subsequent years, NAP coverage will be based on each producers' individual crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. However, producers must pay a nonrefundable fee, up front, in order to obtain coverage. The required fee is the lesser of \$100 per crop, per county, not to exceed \$300 per county, or \$900 per producer for those that farm in more than

three counties.

FSA is now accepting applications for 2002 crops. The effective date of any NAP crop coverage is 30 days after the application is filed.

For more information contact the Pearl River-Hancock County Farm Service Agency at Poplarville or phone (601) 795-4409 Ext. 2.

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The sign up for the 2000 Crop Disaster Program and/or the Quality Loss Program (QLP)

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To be eligible for CDP, a producer must have suffered at least a 35% loss of production on a 2000 commercially grown crop. To be eligible for QLP, producers must have suffered a minimum of 20% reduction in quality as a result of an eligible cause of loss. Producers must provide documentation substantiating the quality of production, including grading factors. For more information, contact the Pearl River-Hancock County Farm Service Agency at Poplarville or phone (601) 795-4409 Ext. 2.

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Views - Chew the fat!

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without any show of taste or pleasure. There would be a long pause, as if waiting for some inner trapdoor to close, and then she would start anew.

This by itself is not what attracted my attention; I'm not that much of a voyeur on people's eating styles. What was unusual that throughout their meal there was no conversation! None! He meditatively sliced and munched; she looked, diced and swallowed. All without one word between them.

The two had been there when we came in, and we were well into our meal when I realized they were leaving. He walked ponderously ahead of her, a ship in the roads; passing the tables as if they were marker buoys. The women, moving a small sparrow, scurried after him. I watched them for a brief moment as they departed and then was drawn back into the spirited conversation of my

friends and a wonderfully, delightful meal.

That was several years ago and I can't remember what it was we talked about. But I do know that it was our conversation, our companionship that made the meal as memorable as the meal itself.

Friends, good friends, leave great memories and when good friend are combined with good food, great meals become classically superb meals.

I suppose that is really the key, the relationship of the people involved. Did the man and his wife, again I am supposing they were married, go home and he sit in his chair and read the newspaper and she sit nearby and busy herself with whatever a person like she did? Had they developed over the years to where they had nothing more to say to each other?

Perhaps they knew one another so well that that nothing

needed to be said, that each knew what the other was thinking. To me that would be horrible. I would no more want to know what Stella was thinking then she would want to know my thoughts.

Don't people change? I think so. Our daily lives carve our outlooks, colors our pasts, prepares us for the days to come. The man I am today, may in many very vital ways be the same man I was ten, twenty, thirty years ago, but there have been changes and these changes are what gives each of us our charm. These changes are what Stella and I talk and laugh about when we get together after being apart for minutes or hours or days.

I have a friend that I have worked with for about twenty years. We have traveled and roomed together for long periods during that time. I have in my office a small-framed pic-

ture of the two of us sitting together aboard a Navy plane about to go on a survey flight of the Arctic Ocean.

We were not sitting quietly in the picture, but were obviously engaged in a noisy, spirited conversation. Despite our years together, we had obviously not talked ourselves out.

Last year I took Stella out to dinner on our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. We went to NOLAS, a small restaurant a block off the water in downtown Gulfport. I had arranged everything including the menu ahead of time, beforehand. Stella had not the slightest clue. Gail, the chef, fixed an exceptionally good meal and we had a wonderful anniversary.

Our conversation during the evening, ranged over many things and I was surprised when they came with the bill. What did we talk about?

I haven't the foggiest idea,

but we did enjoy ourselves and I look forward to the meal we have together at the end of the next twenty-five years. Things will have happened and we'll have a lot to talk about then as well.

Happy Double Anniversary, Stella.

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STELLA'S FRIED CABBAGE AND BACON SANDWICHES*

8 slices bacon
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salt and pepper
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eight slices white bread
mustard

Fry bacon until crisp, drain and set aside. Melt butter in large skillet. Add onions and sauté until translucent. Add

cabbage and sauté for 5 minutes or until tender, but still crisp. Do not overcook, as crispness is important. Season with salt and pepper. Toss lightly and sprinkle with about a tablespoon of vinegar (balsamic vinegar will add a sharper flavor than the apple cider vinegar). Spread hot or chilled cabbages on slices of slightly toasted white bread. Dab a small amount of mustard. Top with the two slices bacon per sandwich, place cover slices of bread, cut each diagonally and serve. The taste is great, but the real surprise is the crunchiness. Makes enough for people at two sandwiches each. Serve with a good dark beer.

* Adapted from the side dishes section of Stella's new cookbook, "Blueberry Peaches, Red Robin Pie." Published by Annabelle Press and available at Bookends or other regional bookstores.

Fire - controlled burn

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ing of the grass allows an area covered by nothing else to regenerate a variety of native species. The native plants also serve as food to many native species of wildlife, helping the environment to return to its natural state.

Most wildfires are caused by improperly supervised trash fires, said Jackson County firefighter Ray Watson and Moss Point firefighter Jim Wade. A lot of people are moving out into the woods and want their

homes to be out of view from roads or neighbors, but this is dangerous, said the firefighters. People build wooden houses with cedar singles and in essence are only replacing natural fuel for a fire, with their homes. Prescribed burning to clear a large area around the home, of at least 125 feet could save many home owners the tragedy of losing their homes to fires, they said. A cleared, wide path to the home is another must, they said, so that in the

event of a fire, the fire trucks can have access to the area.

After arriving at the wildlife refuge where the prescribed burn was to take place, the group began to get a real idea of the seriousness of the event. Clothed in protective gear, in the hot afternoon sun, participants received information on fire fighting safety and a were given chance to view the various equipment to be used in the burn. Just after lunch, the fire was lit with torches on the

ground, though many fires are lit from helicopters equipped to drop fuel filled "ping pong balls" from above. Almost immediately, the area was filled with a thick blowing smoke, making it hard to breathe. Although participants wearing fire gear were allowed to enter the perimeters of the burn, most retreated across the road and away from the heavy smoke and intense heat, to view the event from a more comfortable perspective. A cleared dirt road formed one of

the perimeters, a paved road another and a foam path laid by one of the firefighters formed the other two perimeters for the approximately one acre area. The fire was lit around the perimeters and allowed to burn inwards. Most of the flames remained at a height of about five or six feet with occasional flare-ups, some as high as tree-tops. In the end, only large pines remained amid a soft gray smoldering ash, which would be tended until completely out by

the crew, probably late into the evening.

An area once covered in grass and brush had once again been returned to a more natural state. It was easy to imagine the beauty of the pine savanna that once covered many coastal areas. It had been a long day, but educational, and now it was time for participants, all smelling like we had been to a giant barbecue, to head home and reflect on the events of the day.

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Where we worship is secondary

About a third of the way into my sermon, one man very surreptitiously stole a look at his watch. It was easy to tell he thought he was being stealthy, enough that I did not notice his maneuver. Then he leaned back at ease.

Perhaps halfway through my homily, a second man with equal stealth rotated his wrist slowly, almost imperceptibly, and passed his eyes quickly over his watch. Somehow satisfied, he too leaned back at ease.

When two-thirds of the Mass had been completed, a third man tried his luck at the stealth game. He likewise slowly shifted his arm into position until he was able to swivel his eyes quickly and check his watch. With that same look of satisfaction, he also leaned back at ease.

That left only two men of the five in attendance at the Sunday service who, to my knowledge, did not steal a single furtive glance at their timepiece. No matter how you cut it, that is a depressingly high percentage of worshippers whose obvious priority was patently not the service they were attending.

The service, by the way, took place on the fourth floor of a hotel where the NFL Saints' retinue attend their Sunday Mass when they are in town.

"There are more people in attendance when the Saints are out of town," the coordinator reassured me, "because coaches and others live in the hotel."

Ever since a fellow priest who usually does the Mass had contacted me, I was wondering how it would be to conduct this worship service for such a highly specialized, unique group of participants.

My wondering came to a screeching halt when I saw five worshippers who looked like any one else.

Very attentive, the Saints' placekicker asked whether I needed a reader for the Scripture selections, and he did a beautiful job reading them. Apart from the formidable size of the latest offensive tackle acquisition, there was nothing unusual about the group, one of whom was a security officer.

Except when I made a few in-your-face comments on the Advent Scriptures of the day, the eye contact made by the men with me, the minister of the service, was as fleeting and about as scant as their stolen, furtive glances at their timepieces. The alert placekicker made by far the most eye contact. The entire experience told an interesting tale of parity off the football field of play. Regardless of their specialty makeup, all congregations are alike in that they have virtually identical creature habits such as stealing looks at their watches, and trying to get away with as little participation as possible.

So it took but a few minutes for me to feel at home, for I was instantly at Church Anywhere, U.S.A., what with the five participants hailing from anywhere somewhere else in the country, sporting their individual, disparate origins, background, cultures and personal expressions.

While all five participants appeared to study their toes or some object on the floor at their feet most of the time, one had to wonder what floor show was so much more gripping than our humble attempt at communal worship.

However, a positive view would be that the winning percentage for the Saints' group was extraordinarily high, in that one out of five volunteered to do the readings. Using that percentage as a yardstick for large congregations, we would have far more volunteers than we could use.

The more my eyes swept over the group, the more I realized they looked and acted no differently from any other group with whom I had celebrated Sunday service. This further confirmed my conviction of many years that the place or building of worship is a very secondary thing.

St. Peter made sure we would be mindful of how secondary any building or place of worship is, no matter how beautiful or devotional: "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5).

So it is not the stones, the bricks, the mortar or the wood of a church building which have intrinsic value, but only the people who comprise the assembly, the real church. Yes, of themselves, church buildings are worthless, use-less, and frequently a pain-in-the-neck, unnecessary expense. We are the real action, the only action, provided we conduct our faith community properly in all things and at all times.

Where we worship makes so little difference that Jesus went out of his way to assure the Samaritan woman at the well that neither the Jews nor the Gentiles have an advantage.

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem; the hour is coming and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him" (John 4:21, 23).

Which takes us back to an NFL makeshift church in a hotel meeting room. Saints alive! Nowhere anywhere does a place of worship make God any difference.

The sole mark of distinction in God's eyes is found deep inside us where we drive ourselves, elevate ourselves to find God in spirit and in truth.

Pearlington's St. Joseph
Catholic Church events

December Events

Dec. 24: Midnight Mass. Before mass, at 11:30 p.m., will be the Pasada. There will be no morning mass.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Jan. 1: Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Mon.-Sat., Rosary at 8 a.m. followed by mass. Sacrament of Penance: Before all masses or by appointment.

St. Joseph Devotion: Every Wednesday before mass. Adult Education Classes: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday, 2-7 p.m.

Sacred Heart Devotion: Special devotion every Friday before morning mass.

Choir practice: Those interested in joining the choir, contact Ann Seale or Yvonne Viguerie.

CYO: The CYO will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Rhonda Darby needs help with this ministry. Those interested, please contact her.

CCD: All CCD classes will begin

promptly at 9:15 a.m.

St. Joseph
Christmas Party

The Parish Christmas Party will be Dec. 9 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It will be a pot luck dinner. Also, Santa Claus will have gifts for all the children.

St. Joseph Church Raffle: The church raffle continues this week. Betty Arnold will be handling the tickets. Tickets will be \$1. The drawing will be Dec. 9 at the Christmas party in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass.

First prize is \$250, second, \$150; and third, \$100.

Christmas Food Baskets

Canned goods, dry goods or donations to make up food baskets are needed. There will be a basket in back of the church for donations.

Christmas Poinsettia

Those interested in placing a beautiful poinsettia on the altar for Christmas in memory of or in honor of, please see Sharon Graham after mass. Price of each plant is \$8.

Christmas Caroling

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The "Word" for the Week

'Little things are big'

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The ruler of the known world ordered a census to be taken for tax purposes. Because of this decree, a big thing, many little things began to happen. The Bible records one of these seemingly little things.

"Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth ... And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city."

"Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth" (Luke 2:1-6).

According to God's plan, the big picture involved Christ coming into the world in a hamlet called Bethlehem.

Getting Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem involved a census of the whole world. In God's world, little things of life make up the big picture.

Life is a carefully constructed building.

Every brick has a place.

Every window and door fits the plan.

The big building is incomplete without every little piece in place. In God's world, following God's plan, the little things in life always make up the big picture.

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St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor,
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Mass Schedule:

St. Ann Catholic Church,
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Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John
Catholic Church, Lakeshore
Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann
10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann)
Monday-Thursday-Friday, 8:30

a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Dec. 10: 6th through 12 grades

CCD-CYO classes at 9 a.m.

Dec. 10: CCD class K-5th

grades, also RCIA classes at 7

p.m.

Dec. 11: Confirmation class at

6:45 p.m.

Dec. 13: Respect Life Talks, 9

a.m.

All classes held in the school

building.
Dec. 9: Second Sunday of
Advent

Dec. 13-14: Visitation of the
sick and shut-ins by Fathers
Kelly and Rietta

Dec. 14: Day of Fasting and
Prayer as prescribed by Pope
John Paul II for peace.

Adoration from 9 a.m. until
noon.

A Divine Mercy Couplet will be

said at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 16: Special collection for

victims of terrorism and war as

suggested by Pope John Paul II.

Dec. 16: Parish luncheon for

parishioners in the hall after
10:30 a.m. mass.

Dec. 19: Sacrament of
Reconciliation 6:30 p.m., St.
Ann's.

Dec. 24: Children's Christmas
Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., St. Ann's.

Dec. 24: Christmas Vigil Mass

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GLADYS E. HARNETT
NO. 2001-757

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of November, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Gladys E. Harnett, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 29th day of November, 2001.
Lillian Harnett, Executrix

David Michael Nealise
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 2038
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
12/02; 12/09; 12/16; 12/23/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
HELEN ELIZABETH MONTZ LOCKHART
ELIZABETH MARY MONTZ EXHIBITORS
AND EDWARD EARL MONTZ
VERSUS
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ELIZABETH MONTZ BROCKHAUS
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Cause #2001-908

TO: The Unknown or known heirs at law of Elizabeth Montz Brockhaus, deceased.

You have been made a respondent in a lawsuit filed by this court by Helen Elizabeth Montz Lockhart, Elizabeth Mary Montz Exhibitors and Edward Earl Montz, The Petitioners filed against you and your heirs, assigns, and estate. Elizabeth Montz Lockhart, Elizabeth Mary Montz Exhibitors and Edward Earl Montz, adjudicated as the sole and only heirs at law of the deceased, Elizabeth Montz Brockhaus as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. You are required to file an answer to the Petition on or before the 13th day of Nov., 2001. If your response is not mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You must also file an original of your response with the Clerk of Court within a reasonable time after award.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, this 13th day of Nov., 2001.
(Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Chancery Clerk
11/18; 11/25; 12/02; 12/09/2001
Sale to be held December 10, 2001.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

SSM Group II, LLC has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act Title 49, Chapter 127, Mississippi Code, specifically Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 4

Entertainment

'Gods and Monsters: Pre-Columbian Art' exhibition at Mississippi Museum of Art

Gods and Monsters: Pre-Columbian Art from the Permanent Collection brings together objects drawn primarily from the Mississippi Museum of Art's collection of Pre-Columbian Mexican, Central American and Peruvian art and artifacts. On display Dec. 8, 2001 - March 17, 2002, at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson objects range from sacred to whimsical.

Most of the works included in the exhibition are from the Permanent Collection of the Mississippi Museum of Art, supplemented by loaned objects

from the collection of Sam Olden of Yazoo City.

Museum-owned works were donated to the Permanent Collection by Mr. Olden, William Ellis of Lexington, Miss., and the Gallery Guild.

Olden's collection, assembled over a period in the late 1950s to early 1960s, focuses on items from the Pre-Columbian Pre-Incan cultures of Peru, including Chavin, Moche and Nazca.

Other works on display are from Mexico and Central America, representing Olmec, Zapotec and other cultures of ancient Mesoamerica.

The presentation of *Gods and Monsters: Pre-Columbian Art* from the Permanent Collection

highlights multiple themes integrating works from these different cultures. Thematic groups include: nature, the human form, gods and monsters, and form and abstraction.

Pre-Columbian artifacts, such as the polished, hand-built pottery discovered during the

20th century in tombs and burial mounds, reflect characteristics of the areas and eras highlighted, allowing viewers to understand more about how people from these periods lived,

their customs and religious beliefs.

Gods and Monsters is organized for the Mississippi Museum of Art by George J. Bey, III, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology, Millsaps College, Jackson, assisted by Robin C. Fortenberry, the museum's registrar.

The Mississippi Museum of Art is located at 201 East Pascagoula Street, in downtown Jackson. For more information on this or other exhibitions and programs of the Mississippi Museum of Art, call 601-960-1515.

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Bellingrath Gardens' Christmas in Lights

Bellingrath Gardens & Home Magic Christmas in Lights is now open.

The Gardens have added animated figures to this year's attractions to enhance the holiday experience. The Gardens will now have moving carousels, jumping dolphins, flying flamingoes, lively penguins, butterflies, leaping jacks-in-the-box, animated snowflakes in the trees and more. Bellingrath Gardens and Home began this favorite tradition in 1996 by enriching the Gardens and Museum Home with holiday decorations including more than two million lights. The Holiday Lights will continue every night through December 31; however, the display will be closed Christmas Day. On display each night from 5:00pm to 9:00 p.m., the Holiday Lights will be more abundant. Popular scenes such as Cajun Bayou, Santa's Workshop, the Nativity,

Fantasy Land, Oriental Gardens, and The Nutcracker have been remodeled for the upcoming holiday season.

The Magic Christmas in Lights is created entirely by the Bellingrath Gardens & Home staff and volunteers. The Gardens have become a source of pride for all those involved in the Christmas decorations. "We are very excited about providing our visitors with this beautifully decorated Christmas wonderland," said Dr. Bill Barrick, Executive Director of Bellingrath Gardens & Home.

"The Gardens and Home are the perfect setting for such an enjoyable holiday tradition." Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$8.50 to see the Gardens. The Bellingrath Home will also be open during Magic Christmas in Lights. Reservations are encouraged for groups of 20 or more.

For more information, or to secure group reservations, call

Last (curtain) call



English actor Geoffrey Harris portrays Charles Dickens in the Argonaut Theatre Co.'s production of "The Sparkler of Albion" at 2 p.m. today at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at 301 Boardman Ave. Tickets are \$12 or adults, \$7 for students. For reservations, call 467-2587.

Entertainment at Casino Magic BSL

Friday & Saturday, December 14 & 15 Bellamy Brothers at 7 & 9 p.m. each night in the Magic entertainment Complex

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Tickets for these events may be purchased by calling the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

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*December 31

Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul

*Show times are 8 & 10:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sundays unless otherwise noted. Monday Night Football & Buddy "D" show on Mondays.

Menorahs on display at Bay Library

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration, is the topic on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The display will be available to the public through the end of December.

Menorahs, the candelabrum that represents the eight days of the feast celebrating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the rebellion of the Jews against the Syrians in 162 B.C., are also on display.

There are nine candle holders on a Menorah, eight representing the eight days of the celebration and the ninth, or Shamash, the candle used to light the other candles. Each

night a candle is lighted and added to the others, while special prayers and blessings are said.

Traditionally, there are two designs of the Menorah. One follows the pattern of the sacred candelabrum, with four branches on each side and the Shamash affixed to the front and detachable. The other consists of eight small candle holders set in a row on a common foundation and the Shamash raised.

The Menorahs on display are courtesy of Avra O'Dwyer, Betsy Pincus, Diana and Jack Gorlin and Lynda Cook.

Further information on the

display is available by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.

Breakfast with Santa at HMC

eiwanis Club of Hancock County is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 15, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

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